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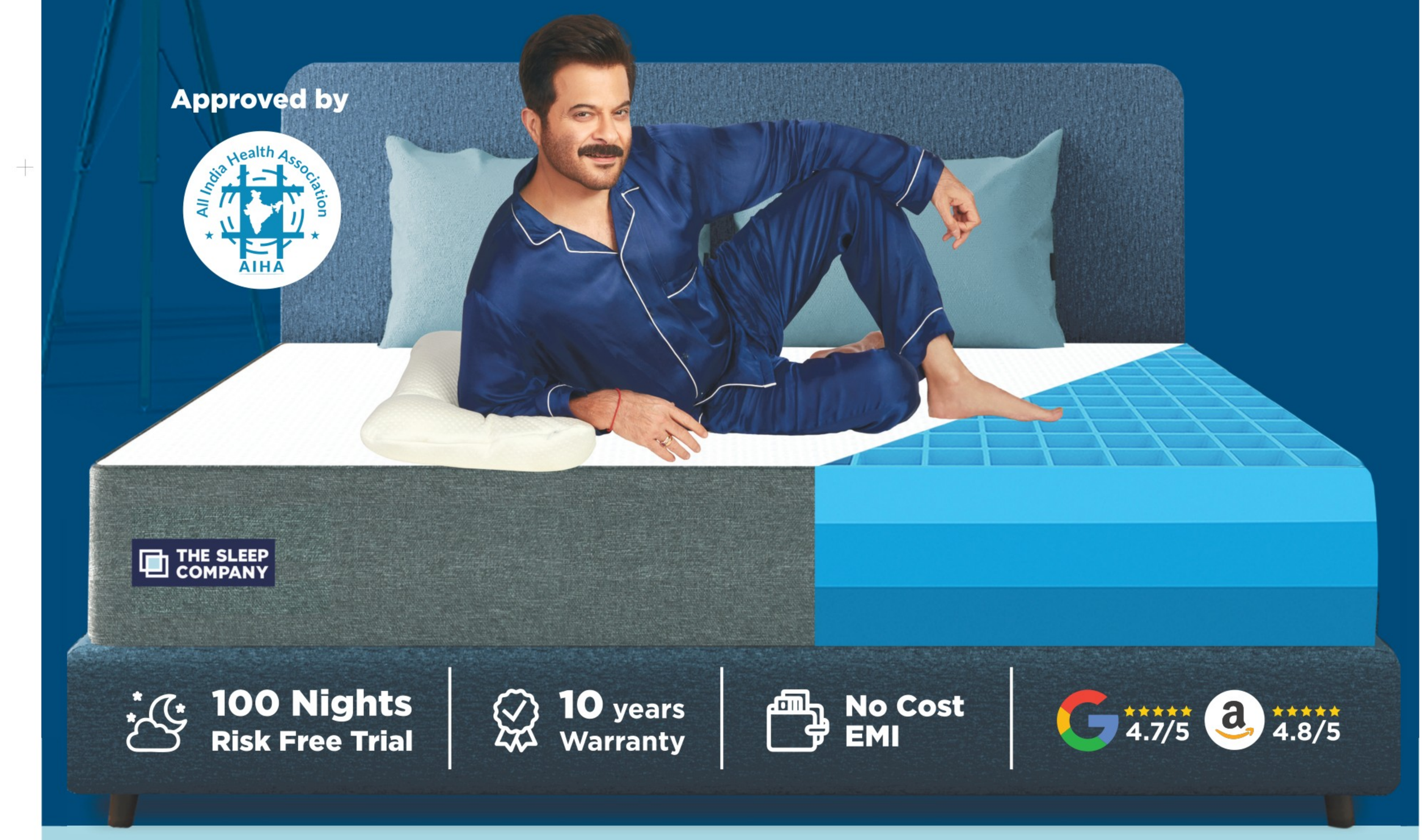

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RBI to pull out ₹2,000 notes from active circulation

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

The RBI on Friday decided to withdraw ₹2,000 denomination banknotes from circulation in pursuance of its "Clean Note Policy". However, the ₹2,000 notes will continue to be legal tender. A similar withdrawal of notes from circulation was undertaken in 2013-2014. As in the days after demonetisation, the decision to withdraw ₹2,000 notes is also likely to strain the system besides creating inconvenience to the public. The central bank has advised the public to deposit ₹2,000 notes into their bank accounts and/or exchange them.

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Hindenburg-Adani case: expert panel 'clears' SEBI

SEBI had drawn a blank in its probe into the ownership and 'opaque structures' of 13 overseas entities, says SC-appointed panel; regulator has sought more time to complete its investigation

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

A six-member expert committee – constituted by the Supreme Court in the Hindenburg-Adani allegations case and headed by former Supreme Court judge, Justice A.M. Sapre – said that the Securities and Exchange Board of India has "drawn a blank" and is in a "chicken-and-egg situation" in its investigation into the "ownership" of 13 overseas entities, including 12 Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs).

In its 178-page report, the panel said, "SEBI has found 42 contributories to the assets under management of the 13 overseas entities. Various avenues have been pursued – including ED, CBDT and various market regulators in the seven jurisdictions where the contributories are situated. SEBI has drawn a blank". The market regular has asked the court for more time to complete its investigation.

The foundation of SEBI's suspicion that led to investigations into the overseas entities' ownership is that they have "opaque structures", because the chain of ownership of the 13 entities was not clear.

The committee said that SEBI was investigating the ownership of the 13 entities since October 2020, with regard to allegations in the Hindenburg report about minimum public shareholding. "The key issue is whether as the law stands, one could draw a conclusion that the FPIs are fronts for the promoters of the Adani Group... If such an outcome in the investigation would come about, it would mean that the promoters would not be compliant with the minimum public shareholding requirement," it noted.

While it emphasised the need for a "coherent enforcement policy", the panel concluded it would not be possible to return a finding of "regulatory failure" in compliance with stipulations governing minimum public shareholding.

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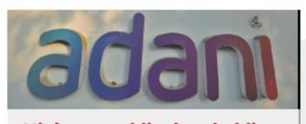
Panel's findings

After two months of investigation, the committee headed by Justice (retd) A.M. Sapre finds no conclusive evidence



Minimum public shareholding: SEBI had been suspecting 13 overseas entities of having links to Adani Group promoters, but the market regulator had not been "able to make out a case". Its suspicions cannot be confirmed unless more investigation is done

Related party transactions: Hindenburg report refers to over 6,000 related party transactions. Committee says SEBI is still investigating the matter

Price manipulation: No evident pattern of manipulative contribution to price rise of shares could be attributed to any single entity or group

Only ambition is to unite Opposition to fight the BJP: Pawar

EXCLUSIVE

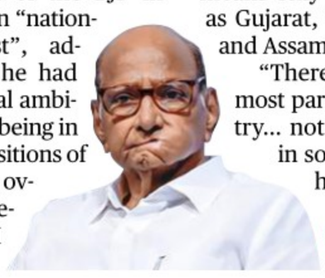
Varghese K. George
Abhinay Deshpande
MUMBAI

The defeat of the BJP in the Karnataka Assembly election is part of an emerging pattern of people turning against it across the country, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar said.

Mr. Pawar, who will be attending the swearing-in of the Congress government in Bengaluru on Saturday, told *The Hindu* that the defeat of the BJP in 2024 was in "national interest", adding that he had no personal ambitions after being in various positions of power for over six decades. "I have no personal ambition... My only ambition is to bring together parties and provide an alternative to the BJP," Mr. Pawar said in a candid, exhaustive conversation that spanned the political situation in the country, the leadership of any future non-BJP formation, the Shiv Sena (UBT)-Congress relationship and his nephew Ajit Pawar's alleged ties with the BJP.

The four-time Maharashtra Chief Minister said that the BJP had "robbed other parties" to gain power in several States, and it could win through fair means only in a few such as Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Assam.

"There is no BJP in most parts of the country... not a single State in southern India," he said.



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Swearing-in event likely to turn into a show of unity

BENGALURU
In what is being turned into a show of unity among the Opposition parties ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the Congress has invited leaders of 20 parties across the country to witness the swearing-in ceremony on Saturday. » Page 8

Residents want a dedicated Minister for city

BENGALURU
As the new Congress-led State government will be formed on Saturday, residents of Bengaluru want a dedicated Minister for the city. For the last four years, the portfolio was held by the CM. » Page 6

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Front-loaded success

All of Alonso's 32 race wins came before 2014, as did 97 of his 102 podium finishes. But after just five races in 2023, his time at Aston Martin is already his most fruitful since 2015

Minardi (2001): 0 wins | 0 poles | 0 podiums

Renault (2002-06): 15 wins | 15 poles | 37 podiums | 2 world titles

McLaren (2007): 4 wins | 2 poles | 12 podiums

Renault (2008-10): 2 wins | 1 pole | 4 podiums

Ferrari (2010-14): 11 wins | 4 poles | 44 podiums

McLaren (2015-18): 0 wins | 0 poles | 0 podiums

Alpine (2021-22): 0 wins | 0 poles | 1 podium

Aston Martin (2023): 0 wins | 0 poles | 4 podiums

Honeymoon period or marriage made in heaven?

Nobody expected Fernando Alonso and Aston Martin to be Red Bull's closest challengers this season. But that is exactly what a driver hungry for another shot at an F1 title and a team bankrolled by an ambitious billionaire have managed. How will this relationship play out?

S. Dipak Ragav

Top-line Formula One drivers seldom stick around without winning a race for a decade – especially those who were once on the path to statistical greatness. And yet, last Friday marked ten years since Fernando Alonso last won an F1 race: the 2013 Spanish GP.

Back in 2006, when he claimed his second straight world championship, Alonso was seen as the driver most likely to challenge Michael Schumacher's record of seven titles. After all, he had stopped the German's five-year winning streak in 2005, becoming the youngest world champion.

But a series of events – some outside his control, some self-inflicted – led to the Spaniard taking a sabbatical after the 2018 season before returning in 2021.

It was a strange decision to return at 39, and that too with a midfield team. Alonso found limited success, with just a podium for Alpine in two years.

Unsurprisingly, the team wanted to offer the 41-year-old only a one-year contract. At the same time, a vacancy at Aston Martin opened up following Sebastian Vettel's retirement.

> I've been working hard, but I never had a fast car as I have now. I didn't change anything but Aston Martin changed everything for me
>
> **FERNANDO ALONSO**

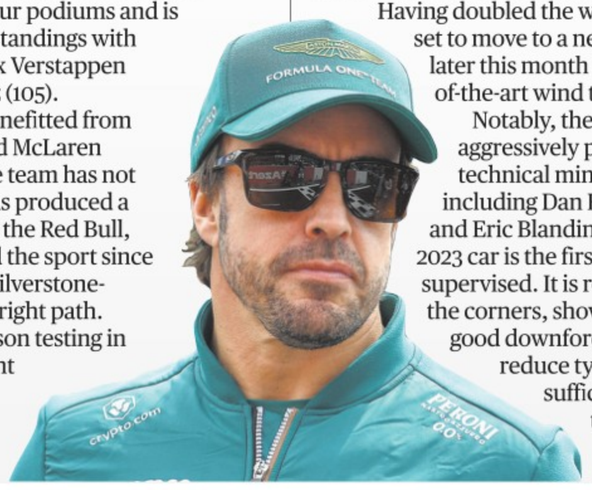
When Alonso announced he was joining Aston on a multi-year deal, it looked like another questionable career choice. For, this was a team that had finished seventh out of ten constructors in 2022, after starting the season with a flawed car.

However, five races into 2023, the decision seems to be a masterstroke. Few expected Alonso to be Red Bull's closest challenger. But he has secured four podiums and is third on the drivers' standings with 75 points, behind Max Verstappen (119) and Sergio Perez (105).

While Aston has benefitted from Mercedes, Ferrari and McLaren dropping the ball, the team has not stood still either. It has produced a car visually similar to the Red Bull, which has dominated the sport since 2022, a sign that the Silverstone-based outfit is on the right path.

Right from pre-season testing in Bahrain, it was evident that Aston had a fast car, and Alonso sometimes struggled to contain his excitement. Who can blame him? Regarded as one of the best drivers of all time, he has not had a competitive car since 2013.

Aston's leap this year is not just a consequence of following Red Bull's design philosophy but also a result of the work done over the last four years. Canadian billionaire Lawrence Stroll led a consortium to take over Force India in 2018, and since then, the team – initially renamed Racing Point – has been on sound financial footing.



Having doubled the workforce, Aston is set to move to a new factory building later this month and will have a state-of-the-art wind tunnel next year.

Notably, the team has aggressively poached top technical minds from rivals, including Dan Fallows (Red Bull) and Eric Blandin (Mercedes). The 2023 car is the first Fallows has supervised. It is relatively quick in the corners, showing it is generating good downforce, which also helps reduce tyre wear, and has sufficient traction out of the slow corners.

With the technical structure in place, Aston is set to reap the benefits of its marriage with Alonso. Even though the team had a four-time champion in Vettel, the German driver looked like a pale shadow of his dominant self. With Alonso, the team has found a driver who – after two years in the wilderness – is hungry for another shot at an F1 title, however remote the possibility.

> He's incredibly talented, knowledgeable, experienced and hungry. How many years has he been in F1 now? Like more than 20 years? To see that determination and focus every day, I have a lot of respect for that
>
> **LANCE STROLL**
> Aston Martin teammate

One of the 41-year-old's great strengths is his ability to adapt to any car, muscle it around the track and extract lap-time. With Ferrari in 2012 and 2014 – in cars that were woeful to drive – Alonso conjured up some spectacular performances that teammates Felipe Massa and Kimi Raikkonen struggled to match.

He may not be the quickest in qualifying, but on race day, he is sublime. He is a master of positioning his car in the opening moments and is clean and aggressive in wheel-to-wheel battle.

He is also one of those rare drivers with the mental capacity to understand the flow of not just his race but also those of others around him. During the Azerbaijan GP, he even helped teammate Lance Stroll with suggestions to the team on what brake balance to use.

Had a handful of points gone his way during his peak, in 2007, 2010 and 2012, Alonso would have been a five-time champion. Instead, he is seen as a driver whose records don't reflect his greatness.

He has not helped his cause either by repeatedly falling out with his employers. He has a reputation as someone who stirs up trouble within the team, which has led to title contenders like Red Bull and Mercedes not signing him when they had vacancies.

Alonso has made questionable moves, such as leaving McLaren in 2007 after just one season when he could not get along with team boss Ron Dennis or when he joined the same team in 2015 just as it started to struggle financially and technically.

In 2008, he even had a shot at joining Red Bull – with legendary designer Adrian Newey at the helm – but chose to return to Renault. Vettel duly went on to win four titles from 2010 to 2013 at Red Bull. Even when he joined Ferrari in 2010, it was not the pre-eminent force it had been.

For once, it looks like Alonso has made the right call in what could be the last phase of his career. The 32-time Grand Prix winner is enjoying his most fruitful season in a decade, even though he knows he can't beat Red Bull on pure pace. But he is doing enough to pick up the pieces – on a day Red Bull falters and he gets a sniff, you can count on him to deliver a win.

Monaco and Barcelona are circuits where Alonso could be in contention – the demand for high downforce at these tracks should suit the Aston's characteristics.

Although the chances of a third title look slim, Alonso can at least fight at the sharp end of the grid, befitting his stature and talent, rather than trundle along in midfield. For a new generation of 'Drive to Survive' fans, it is an opportunity to appreciate Alonso's skills in a fast car. The sport is certainly richer for it in a season in which the title battle is unlikely to keep the fans hooked.

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Novak Djokovic	35	6,775	16
2	Carlos Alcaraz	20	6,770	17
3	Daniil Medvedev	27	5,330	24
4	Casper Ruud	24	5,165	24
5	Stefanos Tsitsipas	24	5,015	21
6	Andrey Rublev	25	4,190	25
7	Holger Rune	20	3,865	26
8	Jannik Sinner	21	3,525	21
9	Taylor Fritz	25	3,380	23
10	Felix Auger-Aliassime	22	3,235	23
11	Karen Khachanov	26	3,025	23
12	Frances Tiafoe	25	2,755	22
13	Cameron Norrie	27	2,680	23
14	Rafael Nadal	36	2,535	14
15	Hubert Hurkacz	26	2,525	23

Top Indians ▸

Sumit Nagal
Rank 256 ▲ 91 spots

Mukund Sasikumar
Rank 372 ▲ 9 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	21	9,625	17
2	Aryna Sabalenka	25	7,881	18
3	Jessica Pegula	29	5,300	17
4	Caroline Garcia	29	5,025	25
5	Coco Gauff	19	4,345	18
6	Elena Rybakina	23	4,195	21
7	Ons Jabeur	28	4,116	16
8	Maria Sakkari	27	3,516	23
9	Daria Kasatkina	26	3,505	25
10	Petra Kvitova	33	3,162	16
11	Belinda Bencic	26	2,750	21
12	Veronika Kudermetova	26	2,660	22
13	Barbora Krejcikova	27	2,616	21
14	Karolina Pliskova	31	2,245	23
15	Beatriz Haddad Maia	26	2,206	24

Top Indians ▸

Ankita Raina
Rank 218 ▲ 6 spots

Karman Thandi
Rank 265 ▲ 13 spots

English Premier League Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Man. City	35	27	4	4	92	31	61	85
2	Arsenal	36	25	6	5	83	42	41	81
3	Newcastle	36	19	12	5	67	32	35	69
4	Man. United	35	20	6	9	51	41	10	66
5	Liverpool	36	19	8	9	70	42	28	65
6	Brighton	35	17	7	11	67	49	18	58
7	Tottenham	36	17	6	13	65	59	6	57
8	Aston Villa	36	17	6	13	48	44	4	57
9	Brentford	36	13	14	9	54	45	9	53
10	Fulham	36	15	6	15	52	49	3	51
11	Chelsea	35	11	10	14	36	41	-5	43
12	Palace	36	11	10	15	37	46	-9	43
13	Wolves	36	11	7	18	30	52	-22	40
14	Bournemouth	36	11	6	19	37	69	-32	39
15	West Ham	36	10	7	19	38	52	-14	37
16	Forest	36	8	10	18	36	67	-31	34
17	Everton	36	7	11	18	32	56	-24	32
18	Leeds United	36	7	10	19	46	71	-25	31
19	Leicester City	36	8	6	22	49	67	-18	30
20	Southampton	36	6	6	24	31	66	-35	24

Italian Serie A Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Napoli	35	26	5	4	70	25	45	83
2	Juventus	35	21	6	8	54	28	26	69
3	Inter Milan	35	21	3	11	66	37	29	66
4	Lazio	35	19	8	8	54	28	26	65
5	AC Milan	35	17	10	8	55	41	14	61
6	Roma	35	17	8	10	45	33	12	59
7	Atalanta	35	17	7	11	56	42	14	58
8	Fiorentina	35	13	10	12	47	40	7	49
9	Monza	35	13	10	12	44	45	-1	49
10	Torino	35	13	10	12	37	39	-2	49
11	Bologna	35	12	11	12	43	44	-1	47
12	Udinese	35	11	13	11	45	43	2	46
13	Sassuolo	35	12	8	15	43	54	-11	44
14	Empoli	35	9	12	14	32	45	-13	39
15	Salernitana	35	8	14	13	43	56	-13	38
16	Lecce	35	7	11	17	30	43	-13	32
17	Spezia	35	6	12	17	30	56	-26	30
18	Verona	35	7	9	19	28	52	-24	30
19	Cremonese	35	4	12	19	31	61	-30	24
20	Sampdoria	35	3	9	23	21	62	-41	18

Spanish LaLiga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Barcelona	34	27	4	3	64	13	51	85
2	Real Madrid	34	22	5	7	70	32	38	71
3	Atletico Madrid	34	21	6	7	60	27	33	69
4	Real Sociedad	34	18	8	8	45	31	14	62
5	Villarreal	34	17	6	11	52	35	17	57
6	Real Betis	34	16	7	11	43	38	5	55
7	Girona	34	13	9	12	54	48	6	48
8	Athletic Bilbao	34	13	8	13	44	38	6	47
9	Osasuna	34	13	8	13	32	36	-4	47
10	Sevilla	34	13	8	13	44	49	-5	47
11	Rayo Vallecano	34	12	10	12	41	45	-4	46
12	Real Mallorca	34	12	8	14	33	37	-4	44
13	Celta Vigo	34	10	9	15	39	48	-9	39
14	Valencia	34	10	7	17	38	41	-3	37
15	Almeria	34	10	6	18	43	61	-18	36
16	Cadiz	34	8	11	15	26	50	-24	35
17	Real Valladolid	34	10	5	19	30	60	-30	35
18	Getafe	34	8	10	16	30	43	-13	34
19	Espanyol	34	7	10	17	42	60	-18	31
20	Elche	34	4	7	23	26	64	-38	19

German Bundesliga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Bayern	32	20	8	4	89	34	55	68
2	Dortmund	32	21	4	7	78	42	36	67
3	RB Leipzig	32	18	6	8	57	38	19	60
4	Union Berlin	32	17	8	7	48	34	14	59
5	SC Freiburg	32	16	8	8	48	42	6	56
6	Wolfsburg	32	13	10	9	56	44	12	49
7	Leverkusen	32	14	7	11	55	44	11	49
8	Eint. Frankfurt	32	12	10	10	54	49	5	46
9	Mainz	32	12	9	11	51	49	2	45
10	Cologne	32	10	11	11	47	51	-4	41
11	M'gladbach	32	10	9	13	48	53	-5	39
12	Werder Bremen	32	10	5	17	50	62	-12	35
13	FC Augsburg	32	9	7	16	42	58	-16	34
14	Hoffenheim	32	9	5	18	43	54	-11	32
15	Bochum	32	9	4	19	36	71	-35	31
16	Schalke	32	7	9	16	31	65	-34	30
17	Stuttgart	32	6	11	15	40	55	-15	29
18	Hertha Berlin	32	6	7	19	39	67	-28	25

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Marnus Labuschagne	915	937
2	Kane Williamson	883	919
3	Steve Smith	872	947
4	Joe Root	871	923
5	Babar Azam	862	882
6	Travis Head	853	853
7	Usman Khawaja	815	815
8	Daryl Mitchell	792	800
9	Dimuth Karunaratne	783	783
10	Rishabh Pant	766	801

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	R. Ashwin	869	904
2	James Anderson	859	903
3	Pat Cummins	841	914
4	Kagiso Rabada	825	902
5	Shaheen Afridi	787	836
6	Ollie Robinson	785	820
7	Jasprit Bumrah	780	835
8	Nathan Lyon	757	774
9	Ravindra Jadeja	753	899
10	Kyle Jamieson	742	836

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	886	898
2	Rassie van der Dussen	777	796
3	Fakhar Zaman	755	784
4	Imam-ul-Haq	745	815
5	Shubman Gill	738	738
6	David Warner	726	880
7	Harry Tector	722	722
7	Virat Kohli	719	911
9	Quinton de Kock	718	813
10	Rohit Sharma	707	885

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Josh Hazlewood	705	733
2	Mohammed Siraj	691	736
3	Mitchell Starc	686	783
4	Matt Henry	667	691
5	Trent Boult	660	775
6	Rashid Khan	659	806
7	Adam Zampa	652	655
8	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	637	712
9	Mohammad Nabi	631	657
10	Shaheen Afridi	630	688

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Suryakumar Yadav	906	910
2	Mohammad Rizwan	811	875
3	Babar Azam	756	896
4	Aiden Markram	748	796
5	Rilee Rossouw	724	724
6	Muhammad Waseem	716	716
7	Devon Conway	709	831
8	Dawid Malan	705	915
9	Aaron Finch	680	900
10	Jos Buttler	670	674

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2	Fazalhaq Farooqi	692	692
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5	Maheesh Theekshana	684	684
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CET: Students told to report 2 hours before start of exam

Students and parents fear that traffic snarls caused by the swearing-in ceremony may create hurdlesfor them to reach CET exam centres

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Students who need to come early are those who have their centres in any of the following colleges

- Bishop Cotton Women's PU College (DU- code), 19, 3rd Cross, CSI Compound
- Goodwill PU College for girls (AD-code), No 10, Promenade Road, Frazer Town
- St. Joseph's PU College (AE-code), Residency Road, PBNO 25003
- St. Joseph Indian PU College (AR-code), No.2, Grant Road, Vittal Mallya Road
- St. Annes Girls PU College (BQ-code), Millers Road
- RBANMS PU College (CM-code), 12A, Annaswamy Mudaliar Road
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- Cathedral Composite PU College (EN-code) Richmond Road, No. 63
- St. Euphrasia's Girls High School & Composite PU college (E2- code), No. 6, Albert Street, Richmond Town
- Stracey Memorial Composite PU college (BZ-code), No. 52, St. Marks Road
- Hasanath PU College for Women (P2-code), Dickenson Road, No. 43, Bengaluru North

The swearing ceremony of the new Chief Minister and the Cabinet of the State on May 20, Saturday at 12.30 p.m. at Kanteerava Stadium, in the Central Business District, is feared to create obstacles for students trying to reach their examination centres to write Common Entrance Test (CET) 2023 on Saturday.

Ramya, Executive Director, KEA, in a press release on Friday has stated that the authority has taken appropriate measures to ensure students reach designated centres without delay. Steps have been taken anticipating traffic congestion in the surrounding areas of Kanteerava Stadium on May 20. Candidates can seek the help of nearby police to reach their centres by showing the admission ticket, she said.

Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) and Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) have announced a slew of measures, mainly appealing to students taking the exams in 11 centres in the vicinity of the stadium to reach the examination centre by 8.30 a.m., two hours before the exam is scheduled to begin. Even those students attempting only Mathematics paper in the second half of the day, have to report early at these centres.

However, nearly a lakh people are expected to gather at the swearing-in ceremony at Kanteerava Stadium and hordes of people will make their way into the city through all the entry points on national highways Saturday morning. This is also feared to create traffic congestion across the city and is feared to create hurdles for students reaching examination centres.

"It is not that there will be traffic congestion only around Kanteerava Stadium. People will come in large numbers on Mysuru Road and Kanakapura Road from where the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister hail from. There will be congestion across areas adjoining these roads and this will put unnecessary pressure on students attempting CET," said Rajesh Kumar, a parent of a student residing in Kengeri.

A traffic snarl near Kanteerava Stadium. FILE PHOTO

However, all corrective measures the government seems to have taken are restricted to centres around the stadium. KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, who will take oath as Deputy Chief Minister, appealed to the students writing exams in these 11 centres to report early. "We appeal to you to cooperate and report early by 8.30 a.m, before any crowds begin to gather. We have instructed the Chief Secretary and the Higher Education Department to ensure there are no hurdles posed."

Air fares between Delhi and Bengaluru shoot up

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

The swearing-in ceremony of the new council of ministers on Saturday seems to have pushed airfares between New Delhi-Bengaluru and Bengaluru-New Delhi up quite a bit.

For instance, Delhi-Bengaluru ticket fare, which was in the range of ₹7,000 and ₹11,000 until May 18, has now gone up to ₹21,000 to ₹36,000. Similarly, Bengaluru-Delhi fare, which was ₹7,000 to ₹13,000 until Friday afternoon, has now gone up to ₹24,000 to ₹33,000. Fares from Mumbai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Chennai, Coimbatore, Kochi, and Pune to Bengaluru also have gone up more than double.

About one lakh people are expected to attend the ceremony, including senior party leaders, workers and supporters. Five and four-star hotels, business hotels, guest houses and clubs in the city are fully booked to accommodate the attendees, as per hotel industry sources. "This will give a fillip to small local hotels and darshinis in the CBD, as a large number of Congress workers will be depending on them," said restaurateur, Santosh P.

There will also be a flurry of activities on the logistics front as most taxis and cabs are booked to ferry people to Kanteerava Stadium and back to hotels, bus stations, railway stations, and the airport. A few private cab operators confirmed most cabs are booked for Saturday.

Delhi-Bengaluru ticket fare, which was in the range of ₹7,000 and ₹11,000 until May 18, has now gone up to ₹21,000 to ₹36,000. FILE PHOTO

Stadium turns into a fortress

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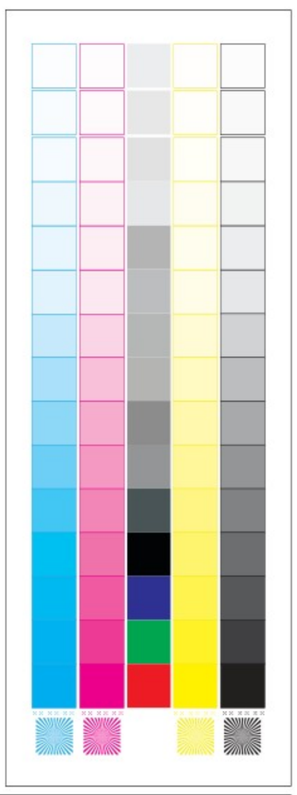
The swearing-in ceremony of the new government at Kanteerava Stadium at 12.30 p.m. on Saturday is expected to see crowds in the range of 50,000 to 1 lakh gather, even as several Chief Ministers of other states across the country will grace the occasion. This is expected to throw traffic out of gear in the Central Business District (CBD) areas.

Bengaluru Traffic Police have imposed traffic restrictions around Kanteerava Stadium and on Queens' Road, where celebrations are likely to peak in front of the Congress party's State headquarters. While this itself is expected to create a snowball effect and disrupt traffic in CBD areas, several VVIPs living in various hotels around the CBD area will be given a signal-free corridor to and from Kanteerava Stadium.

Not just the CBD area, traffic snarls are expected on Mysuru Road and Kanakapura Road, as supporters of Siddaramaiah from Mysuru side and supporters of D.K. Shivakumar from Kanakapura are expected to throng the city in large numbers. Apart from this, Congress workers and supporters from across the State are expected to throng the venue.

Given that traffic snarls peak in CBD areas on Saturdays, this is only going to add to the woes of commuters on Saturday.

Meanwhile, the city police have made all preparations to turn Kanteerava Stadium into a fortress for the swearing-in ceremony. Over 1,500 police personnel led by multiple additional commissioners and DCPs will be deployed at the venue, apart from a heavy deployment of Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) and City Armed Reserve (CAR).



Dr. Bhujang Shetty passes away

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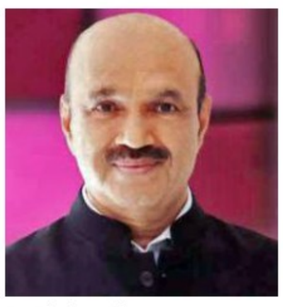

Dr. Bhujang Shetty FILE PHOTO

Noted ophthalmologist K. Bhujang Shetty, 69, passed away in the city on Friday evening. He suffered a massive cardiac arrest on Friday evening and passed away at a private hospital in Yeshwanthpur, sources said.

Dr. Bhujang Shetty was the chairman of Narayana Netralaya, a super-speciality eye hospital in Rajajinagar. He was a close relative of Dr. Devi Shetty, a noted cardiac surgeon and Founder of Narayana Health.

Dr. Shetty is an alumnus of Bangalore Medical College where he did his undergraduate medical course in 1978 and did his ophthalmology residency in Minto Ophthalmic Hospital in 1982, following which he started his practice at a small clinic in the 1980s to grow it into Narayana Netralaya, a premiere super speciality eye hospital of the State. He also was an evangelist for eye donation in the State. He was successful in roping in Kannada matinee idol Dr. Rajkumar for the cause in 1994 and started Dr. Rajkumar Eye Bank, following a pledge by the cine star to donate his eyes after his death. The eye bank has been successful in providing vision for thousands of people. The family donated the eyes of both Dr. Rajkumar and Puneeth Rajkumar after their deaths to the eye bank.

CM designate Siddaramaiah tweeted his condolences and said: "He had helped lakhs of people gain vision and was light to their families". KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar called him "one of the best doctors of the State" and said he had a long-term vision and proactively created awareness on health among people.

Doctor, techie end lives

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BENGALURU

A doctor working in a private hospital in Bengaluru was found dead on the hospital premises on Wednesday. The deceased is Dr. Arti, 29, from Thanjavur district in Tamil Nadu.

She was found dead in a room used by doctors to change after work. Multiple empty syringes were found near her body. Police suspect she may have injected an overdose of anaesthesia, or some other drug. The syringes have been sent for forensic examination. The Hebbagodi police are investigating the case.

In a separate incident, a newly-married techie ended her life in Bengaluru on Thursday. The deceased Pallavi, 26, a resident of Amrutahalli, had married Sudarshan Reddy, also a software engineer, in February. They were working in a private firm at Manyata Tech Park. In a note, she blamed her husband and mother-in-law. The Amrutahalli police have registered a case of abetment to suicide against the husband and mother-in-law.

(Those who are in distress or have suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani ph: 104 for help)

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is bring the notice to general public that my client **MANJUNATH G, S/o. LATE. GANGANNA,** Aged about 40 years, residing at No. 105, KSRTC Laout, Madhehwaranagar Behind Oxbridge college, vishwaneedam post, Herohalli, Bengaluru 560 091. My father was the purchaser of the site cum house property Old No. 711 New No. 768/105, Assessment no. 16, situated at Herohalli village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk vide sale deed dated 25.07.2012, which was purchased from NAGESHWAR RAO DAGGE. I have lost the earlier Sale Deed document of above property as detailed below.

(1) ORIGINAL SALE DEED vide document Identification vide Reg. No. 4047/2003-04 Book No. I, dated 05.05.2003 the said document lost on 15/05/2023, while in transit near my residence, registered Complaint in Lost report No. 0562076/2023 before the Bydarahalli police station, Bengaluru.

In case anybody founds or is in possession of the said documents, the same shall be handed over to the undersigned within **15 [Fifteen] Days** from the publication of this notice. If the above documents are misused by anyone, our client shall not be responsible for any loss occurred but they only are responsible for such loss.

Govindaraja.B Advocate
M.K. LAW CHAMBERS
No.83 (Old No.24), 3rd Floor, 4th Main Road, B/W 8th & 9th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003 Off:8095884666, Cell: 9886773678

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Mr. G. SRINIVASA REDDY Son of Mr. Pedda Thirupathaiah** is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **SRI. MAHESH M, S/o. Late. Sri. V. Mruthyunjaya,** any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof **before 24.05.2023** with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing House List Katha **No.125/4,** Present BBMP Sl.No.60, Comprised in Sy No.104, Situated at: **Chelakere Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, erstwhile Bengaluru South Taluk, BBMP, Bengaluru,** Ward No: 25, Measuring East to West: 48 Feet and North to South: 23 Feet, In all totally Measuring **1104 Sq feet** and bounded on:

East by : Road; West by : Vacant Site Situated in Sy.No.104 (Private Property); North by : House belonging to Smt. Shobha Reddy built in Sy.No.104; South by : House List Katha No. 125/3 in Sy.No.104, belonging to Sri. J.S. Veerabhadran; & House named "Sumersaadan" Situated in Sy No.104;

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-43. M: 9845846428, 9108784843

PUBLIC NOTICE

MR. CHITTI BABU B, Aged about 41 years, S/o MR. Veeraswamy, Residing at Address : 43/3/3, Lishitha Nilaya, 11th Main, 1st Block, Hosapalya, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560068, has negotiated to purchase the schedule property from **MR. SUNIL AGARWAL,** Aged About 63 years, S/o MR. S.N. Agarwal, residing at address at 2255, I Floor, 22nd Cross, K.R. Road, BSK II Stage, Bangalore - 560 070.

If anybody having objections or claims for the schedule property may lodge their objections with the undersigned in writing with supporting documents within 07 **(Seven)** days from the date of this publication. Any objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client and If no such objections or claims are received within the said period my clients will proceed to purchase the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential vacant site bearing **No. B-13**, Sector 3 in the layout known as "**GREEN VILLE**" with BBMP Khatha No.735/716/B-13 Sector-3, formed in Sy.No.26/1 of Junnasandra Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, measuring 50 Feet X 80 Feet, totally measuring 4000 Square Feet, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the,

East by : Road; West by : Site. No. B-12; North by : Park; South by : Road.

C. JAYANTHI, Advocate
LEGAL ADVICE WORKSTEAD
No. 764/A, 19th Main, 22nd Cross, 2nd Sector HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102.
Mobile No. 9035797090
Bangalore, Date: 19.05.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public are hereby informed that my client **MR.SURESHA.N.N S/o. Late Ningappa,** R/at: No.5, Vidyadarshana Nilaya, 9th Main, Kaverinagar, Near Shetty Hospital, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560 068 is intend to Purchase the schedule property from its owner **SRI.KUPPA RAJU S/o Late K.Venkataswamy Raju,** R/at No.281, 8th Main, Dollars Colony, 4th Phase, J.P.Nagar, Bangalore-560 078. The general public are hereby notified that in case if any person/s asserting any legitimate right, objection/s or claim over the schedule property or any part thereof, they may forward such right/s or objection/s or claim/s along with the relevant documentary proof, to the undersigned with **15 days** from hereof. All such claims/objections received after **15 days** from the date of notification shall not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing **Site No.365-C**, BBMP Khatha No. 373/713/682/621/365/C, measuring East to West 50 Feet and North to South 30 Feet in all measuring 1500 Square Feet, in the layout known as SHANTHI NIKETAN, formed in Survey Nos.47/2A, 47/2B, 47/5, 47/6, 47/7, 55, 56,57, 58, 59, 60, 62, 63, 64 (Part) 65, 66, 67 (Part), 68, 69, 70, 71/2, 72, 73, 74/1, 74/2, 75/1, 75/2 and 76/2 of **Arekere Village, Bommanahalli Nagarasabha, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore,** now comes under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore and bounded on the:-

East by : Road West by : Site No.346-C, North by : Site No.366-C, South by : Site No.364-C

M.R.REVANNA, Advocate
No.264, 1st Floor, Behind Ganesh Temple Begur Road, Bommanahalli Bangalore-560068. Ph : 99806 28324

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IN THE COURT OF THE SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT, AT HOSKOTE
Original Suit No. 1211 of 2022
(Previously numbered as Original Suit No. 1082 of 2019)

Plaintiff: Godrej Tyson Foods Limited, A Company incorporated as per provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 and having its registered office at, Godrej One, 3rd floor, Pirojsha Nagar, Eastern Express Highway, Vikhroli (East), Mumbai - 400079, Maharashtra, India. *Represented by its Authorized Signatory, Mr. Ravi Kumar Palthur* **-Vs-**

Defendants: Mrs. Narayanamma, Wife of Mr. Venkatramanappa, Residing at Doddahullur Village, KasabaHobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru & Others

SUMMONS ISSUED TO THE DEFENDANT UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, 1908, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To, 1. **Defendant No. 1:** Mrs. Narayanamma Wife of Mr. Venkatramanappa Aged about 87 years
2. Defendant No. 2: Mrs. Anjinamma Daughter of Late Venkataramanappa Aged about 68 years
3. Defendant No. 3: Mrs.Krishnamma Daughter of late Venkataramanappa Aged about 66 years
4. Defendant No. 4: Mr. Devdas Son ofLate Venkataramanappa Aged about 64 years
5. Defendant No. 5: Mrs. Roopashree Wife of Late Devaraju Aged about 43 years
6. Defendant No. 6: Mr. Muniyappa Son of Late Goniyappa Aged about 54 years
7. Defendant No. 7: Ms. Muthyalamma Daughter of Muniyappa Aged about 26 years
8. Defendant No. 8: Mrs. Pushpalatha Wife ofLate Venkatesha Aged about 37 years
9. Defendant No. 9: Mrs. Muniyamma Daughter of Late Goniyappa Aged about 25 years
10. Defendant No. 10: Mrs.Sharadamba Daughter of Late Goniyappa Aged about 30 years
11. Defendant No. 11: Mr. Ramanaji Son of Mrs. Sharadamba Aged about 57 years
12. Defendant No. 13: Mrs.Sarojamma Daughter of Mrs. Sharadamba Aged about 53 years
13. Defendant No. 14: Mr. Anjinappa Son of Late Goniyappa, Aged about 27 years
14. Defendant No. 15: Mrs. Kumaramma, Wife of Mr. Anjinappa Aged about 55 years
15. Defendant No. 16: Mrs. Poojamma Wife of Mr. Anjinappa Aged about 53 years
16.Defendant No. 17: Mrs. Anjinamma Daughter of Mr. Anjinappa Aged about 27 years
17. Defendant No. 18: Mrs. Renukamma, Daughter of Mr. Anjinappa, Aged about 28 years
18. Defendant No. 19: Mrs. Susheelamma, Daughter of Mr. Anjinappa, Aged about 24 years
19. Defendant No. 20: Mr. Manjunatha Son of Mr. Anjinappa, aged about 23 years
20. Defendant No. 28: Mrs. Shoba Daughter of Mr. Nagarajappa Aged about 26 years
All residing at Doddahullur Village, KasabaHobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru

WHEREAS, the Plaintiff has instituted the above suit against you seeking inter alia for the following reliefs:

a) *Ordering specific performance of the 'Agreement for Sale' and the 'Indemnity Bond' dated 22nd March, 2010, thereby directing the Defendants herein to accept the balance sale consideration and to execute and register a valid deed of sale thereby conveying valid and lawful title over the suit schedule property onto the Plaintiff entity;*

b) *For consequential relief of perpetual injunction, restraining the Defendants, their men, their successors-in-interest, their representatives, or any person or body claiming them from interfering with the peaceful and lawful possession of the Plaintiff over the suit schedule property.*

SUIT SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property land (agricultural) bearing Survey Number 106/1, measuring an extent of 1 acre 19 guntas, of Doddahullur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, and bounded on the;

East by : Muniyappa's property
West by : Rudrappa's property i.e., Plaintiff's property
North by : Lakshmaiah's property
South by : Gullapapamma's property

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court on **16th day of June, 2023** at 11:00 AM in person or through an advocate/pleader to answer the same, failing which the suit will be disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this the 11th day of April, 2023.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Court of the Senior Civil Judge& JMFC, Bengaluru Rural District, Hoskote

Advocate for the Plaintiff: **Mr. Manu Kulkarni**
Poovayya & Co., Advocates & Solicitors
The Estate, Level Four No. 121, Dickenson Road, Bengaluru - 560 042

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IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL/ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE
P&Sc No: 563/2022

BETWEEN: 1. Nandini Shantaram Shouche Aged about 79 years,
Wife of Late. Dr. Shantaram Madhav Rao Shouche
Present Resident at: # P225/05, Golden Jubilee Air Force Officers Complex, Artillery Road, Near Command Hospital Air Force, Bangalore: 560007
Permanent Resident at: # 3-3-900, Kubthiguda Near Ganesh Temple Kubthiguda Himayathnagar Stn Kachiguda, Himayathnagar-Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh: 500027
2. Dr. Sachin Shantaram Shouche, Aged about 53 years,
Son of Late. Dr. Shantaram Madhav Rao Shouche
Resident at: # P224/10 Golden Jublee Officers Complex Artillery Road, Command Hospital Air Force, Bangalore: 560007
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Daughter of Late. Dr. Shantaram Madhav Rao Shouche
Present Resident at: # 135/2, Vikas Nagar, I.I.T Roorkee Haridwar Uttarakhand: 247667
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SCHEDULE

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7	Indian Rayon and Industries Limited (Debenture)	S-63915/ 202021	*10*	4634595 to 4634604
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12	Indian Rayon and Industries Limited (Debenture)	IR S-53628/ 715700	*50*	24896962 to 24897011
13	Indian Rayon and Industries Limited (Share)	IR S-53628/ 499860	*50*	15599417 to 15599466
14	Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (Debenture)	0639303/0655119	*50*	032710901 to 032710950
15	Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited. (Share)	0639303/0655134	*100*	282781801to 282751900
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Sifan Hassan, Emil Zatopek and the power of 'crazy'

The Dutch athlete is inspired by the idea of emulating the immortal Czech runner at Paris 2024 and going for gold in the 5000m, 10,000m and marathon – a feat that pushes the limits of what even elite athletes consider reasonable

GETTY IMAGES

Reuters
Agence France-Presse

When Sifan Hassan decided to race the 1500m, 5000m and 10,000m at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, she knew of the bewilderment she was causing among fans and other athletes. "Many people say I'm crazy," she said. "Believe me, I think I'm crazy too."

Several decades ago, another long-distance runner provoked astonishingly similar sentiments. Emil Zatopek, the Czech who won the 5000m, 10,000m and marathon in an eight-day stretch at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, often caused shock and awe.

"They thought I am crazy," Zatopek once said, describing how the crowd responded when he cycled 220 miles from Prague to Berlin and then made an abnormally fast start to win his first international race. "Who is he, they are saying? He is crazy. Crazy."

So it's only fitting that Hassan may try to emulate Zatopek by competing in the 5000m, 10,000m and marathon at next year's Paris Olympics. The 30-year-old Dutch athlete, who won the Olympic 5000m and 10,000m titles (and the 1500m bronze) in Tokyo, made a stunning marathon debut in London last month, coming home first in two hours, 18 minutes and 33 seconds.

On the streets of London, Hassan struggled with a painful hip, stopped to stretch her muscles, survived a close encounter with a motorbike, hesitated because she wasn't sure where the finish line was, and still beat an incredibly competitive field that included world record holder Brigid Kosgei and Olympic champion Peres Jepchirchir.

Hassan had confessed to feeling anxious ahead of the race, even wondering why she was putting herself through the ordeal. "My feeling is nervous, and curious at the same time," she said. "Can I defeat the marathon, or is it going to defeat me?"

After gruelling training runs without food or water during the holy fasting month of Ramadan, Hassan had said she had no particular time in mind for finishing the race. And at several points during the 42.195 km, she had doubts about even finishing the race.

> I am someone who wants everything and wants to be everywhere... Otherwise I find it boring

"I thought I was going to stop somewhere because whenever I tried to speed up it hurt me. But I thought I should get some experience of running a marathon for the next one. Finishing 100% didn't come into my mind." But finish she did, and the triumph allowed her to dream big.

Hassan's coach, Tim Rowberry, told the *Algemeen Dagblad* newspaper that she started talking about Zatopek's feat after the race. Rowberry said Hassan has been pointing to the fact that no one had won the 5000m, 10,000m and marathon at an Olympics since the immortal Czech, suggesting a seed had been planted in her head. Indeed, it's a seed that might have been planted even earlier than the aftermath of her London Marathon victory.

Back in September last year, Hassan spoke about "thinking every night and every day" about running a marathon. When asked whether she might have a tilt at the marathon at the 2024 Paris Olympics, she replied with a laugh: "Why not?"

It's no wonder then that she described the London Marathon as a test that was likely to inform how she approached Paris, terming it "a step into the unknown".

Hassan, during the course of a remarkable life, has either been forced into taking or voluntarily chosen steps into the unknown.

An only child raised in Ethiopia by her mother and grandmother – her parents remained married but lived on separate farms – she was put on a plane to the Netherlands by her mother in 2008. Up to then, her childhood appears to have been an enjoyable one. "We didn't have a car. But we could eat, it was fun, and we could buy clothes," she said. "We actually had everything."

The traumatic incident which prompted her being sent abroad at 15 remains a mystery, and she refuses to divulge what it was. "I have to watch out for that," she recalled. "One day I'm happy and the next day less. That's the nice thing about life. If everything is perfect, it would be boring."

Life was not much better in the under-age asylum seekers' home she was placed in Zuidlaren – she recalls crying every day. However, after her athletic prowess was recognised, she eventually came under the wing of respected coach Honore Hoedt in 2012.

Soon Hassan was winning races while also training to be a nurse. Hoedt noticed a trait in his young charge as she rose through the age groups. "She can be recalcitrant," said Hoedt, who coached her until 2015, when she gained Dutch nationality. "She couldn't handle loss. She locked herself up for days. A fire is ignited in her that sometimes blows in the wrong direction."

> We have to keep her focused on one thing at a time, but that's impossible with her. Whatever makes her excited, I try to help her chase after that and try to balance everything at once
>
> **TIM ROWBERRY**
> Coach

Hassan has largely harnessed these stubborn fires to propel her athletic career to heights only a few have experienced. But her determination has also been viewed in some quarters as obstinacy, especially when it comes to her association with disgraced coach Alberto Salazar.

Hassan did little to make those questions go away when she chose Rowberry, a former assistant of Salazar's, as her coach. She said she saw nothing amiss with Salazar, who was banned for life from coaching in 2021 by the United States Centre for SafeSport for sexual and emotional misconduct violations. Salazar was first given a four-year ban during the 2019 World Championships in Doha. Hassan duly won the 1500m-10,000m double at those championships.

"The hardest moment and pressure in my life was in Doha and I handled it," she said. "If they want to test me, they can test me every single day. Every single day."

If she does choose to go for gold in the 5000m, 10,000m and marathon in Paris next year, she certainly will be tested every single day. Between the 5000m heats on August 2 and the marathon on August 11 are the 5000m final on 5th and the 10,000m final on 9th: a cramped, exhausting schedule that most elite athletes consider beyond the bounds of reasonableness.

But Hassan is clearly someone who is excited by a seemingly impossible challenge. "Otherwise I find it boring," she once said. "For me it is crucial to follow my heart."

Is the heart pointing her in Zatopek's direction? "I am someone who wants everything and wants to be everywhere," she declared after her London triumph. We may just be in for another jaw-dropping dose of "crazy".

Sifan Hassan

Triple Threat

A look at Sifan Hassan's achievements in the 5000m, 10,000m and marathon:

5000m
Best — 14:22.12 (All-time No. 22)
Major titles — 1xOlympics

10,000m
Best — 29:06.82 (All-time No. 2)
Major titles — 1xOlympics, 1xWorld Championships

Marathon
Best — 2:18:33 (No. 4 in 2023)
Major titles — London Marathon

GAME THEORY

The Kings and Queens of clay

With Roland-Garros set to begin next Sunday, we take a look at the most successful singles champions at the tournament in its various avatars. From 1891 to 1924, the French Championships were open only to French nationals and French tennis club members. It became an international event in 1925 and moved to the outdoor clay courts of Stade Roland Garros in 1928. In 1968, it became the first Grand Slam to open its doors to non-amateur players, as the Open Era took shape.

MOST FRENCH SINGLES TITLES (MEN)

SOURCE: ROLAND-GARROS

Player	Titles	Editions
Rafael Nadal	14	2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022
Max Decugis	8	1903, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1912, 1913, 1914
Bjorn Borg	6	1974, 1975, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981
Henri Cochet	5	1922, 1926, 1928, 1930, 1932
Andre Vacherot	4	1894, 1895, 1896, 1901
Paul Ayme	4	1897, 1898, 1899, 1900
Maurice Germot	3	1905, 1906, 1910
Rene Lacoste	3	1925, 1927, 1929
Mats Wilander	3	1982, 1985, 1988
Ivan Lendl	3	1984, 1986, 1987
Gustavo Kuerten	3	1997, 2000, 2001

Rafael Nadal

MOST FRENCH SINGLES TITLES (WOMEN)

Player	Titles	Editions
Chris Evert	7	1974, 1975, 1979, 1980, 1983, 1985, 1986
Suzanne Lenglen	6	1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1925, 1926
Steffi Graf	6	1987, 1988, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1999
Adine Masson	5	1897, 1898, 1899, 1902, 1903
Margaret Court	5	1962, 1964, 1969, 1970, 1973
Kate Gillou	4	1904, 1905, 1906, 1908
Jeanne Matthey	4	1909, 1910, 1911, 1912
Helen Wills	4	1928, 1929, 1930, 1932
Justine Henin	4	2003, 2005, 2006, 2007
Hilde Krahwinkel Sperling	3	1935, 1936, 1937
Arantxa Sanchez Vicario	3	1989, 1994, 1998
Monica Seles	3	1990, 1991, 1992
Serena Williams	3	2002, 2013, 2015

Chris Evert

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Spanish delight

The peloton passes through a picturesque part of the Spanish seaside between Castro Urdiales and Laredo during La Vuelta Femenina earlier this month.

La Vuelta Femenina is an elite cycling race and forms a part of the UCI Women's World Tour.

The 2023 edition, the first instance of the race adopting a weeklong, seven-stage format, immediately won praise for being worthy of a 'Grand Tour'; it replaced the Challenge by La Vuelta, which was criticised by riders for not being challenging enough.

The race started with a time trial in Torrevieja on the Costa Blanca and concluded with the 93.7km seventh stage between Pola De Siero and Lagos de Covadonga.

Annemiek van Vleuten triumphed, becoming the first woman to win all three major stage races (La Vuelta Femenina, Tour de France Femmes and Giro d'Italia Donne).

The 40-year-old defeated Demi Vollering, 14 years her junior, by just nine seconds to add to her stacked medal cabinet. van Vleuten is an Olympic and World champion and has won several of cycling's 'monuments' (the oldest, hardest and most prestigious of races).

Two die in separate road accidents in city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A speeding lorry rammed into a scooter killing the scooter rider on the spot at 11.30 a.m. on Outer Ring Road near Kasturinagar.

The deceased, Muzaffar, 45, from Maharashtra, was working here. He sustained severe head injuries and was rushed to a hospital but declared 'brought dead'.

In another incident, a speeding PU student lost control of his bike, fell and later succumbed to his injuries. The incident occurred on Lake Road, Hulimavu, at 4.30 p.m., on Thursday. The deceased has been identified as Bharath, 17, a resident of Doddakammanahalli. He sustained severe head injuries in the accident, and died on the way to the hospital.

Mechanic murdered

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A mechanic was stabbed to death in his house in Udaya Nagar, Mahadevapura, on Friday night. The deceased has been identified as 33-year-old Udaykumar. He was running a two-wheeler garage nearby.

The incident happened when his wife had gone to her mother's house as their two children had got chickenpox.

On Friday night, his wife called him repeatedly and got no response. Panicking, she alerted the landlord who checked on the house and called her back saying the light was on in the house, but there was no response from inside. Alarmed, she sent her brother-in-law to check on her husband. He discovered him lying in a pool of blood in the hall dead with multiple stab injuries.

The Mahadevapura police rushed to the spot and recovered the body.

A senior police official said that they had a lead and a suspect in the case and were working on it.

Sources said a man was harassing Udaykumar's wife to have an affair with him, and police suspect he may have killed Udaykumar to get to her. The suspect is absconding and efforts are on to trace him.

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Civic officials, activists demand dedicated Bengaluru Development Minister

They argue that the experiment of the Chief Minister and Dy.CM holding charge of the city, along with other heavy-duty ministries, has failed

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

As the new Congress-led State government will be formed on Saturday, residents of Bengaluru want a dedicated Minister for the city. For the last four years, the portfolio was held by the Chief Minister.

The names of senior Congress MLAs from the city K.J. George and Ramalinga Reddy, who have held the portfolio earlier, and young faces Krishna Byre Gowda and Dinesh Gundu Rao are doing the rounds for the plum portfolio. However, speculation is rife that KPCC president and Deputy Chief Minister designate D.K. Shivakumar is himself interested in being in-charge of the city, amidst speculations that even Chief Minister designate Siddaramaiah may himself retain it, like under the BJP government before.

Contenders

K.J. George Six time MLA, former Bengaluru Development Minister under Siddaramaiah. Considered close to CM Siddaramaiah

Ramalinga Reddy Eight-time MLA and four-time Minister; considered Congress's face for the city. Has earlier been in charge of the city

D.K. Shivakumar KPCC president and Deputy Chief Minister in the new Cabinet. Eight-time MLA from Kanakapura taluk on the outskirts of the city, has handled the Urban Development portfolio before

Dinesh Gundu Rao Former KPCC president and six-time MLA from Gandhinagar. Considered to be one of the young urban faces of Congress. Former Minister for Food and Civil Supplies

Krishna Byre Gowda Four-time MLA from Byatarayanapura. Considered to be one of the young urban faces of Congress. Former Minister for Agriculture, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Law and Parliamentary Affairs

However, civic activists and officials, whom *The Hindu* spoke to said the city needs a dedicated Minister and the experiment of the CM and DyCM holding charge of the city, along with other heavy duty ministries, had clearly failed.

"During the floods last year, it was evident that then CM Basavaraj Bommai was not able to give adequate time and focus for the city," a senior official said. A senior BBMP official said that the Bengaluru Development Minister is very important to coordinate between the civic agencies and resolve issues between agencies to give quality governance to the city. "For everything officials or people can't go to the Chief Minister," the official.

"We do need a Bengaluru Minister now more than before. The Congress manifesto promised radical reform in governance including bringing all parastatal agencies under the BBMP. Amendments to BBMP legislation needs a seasoned lawmaker to be at the helm of affairs to build consensus in house committees and with the public," said citizen activist Srinivas Alavilli. However, the agency under which all the parastatals will be brought under will likely be chaired by the CM, sources said.

Apart from this, the infrastructure projects proposed in the Congress manifesto are not only eye-catching but also likely to raise hackles of the civil society in the city. Navigating this space needs someone skillful. Congress has proposed constructing north-south and south-east elevated corridors and constructing tunnel roads in the Central Business District (CBD) areas under PPP model. These projects were mooted by K.J. George when he was the Bengaluru Development Minister during Congress's previous regime. The steel flyover project he championed had to be dropped under pressure from the people.

"Bengaluru is finally entering a good phase from a mobility perspective. Metro to Whitefield, suburban, BMTC app and electric buses, BMLTA, all are coming together and the next five years have potential to get rid of our 'worst traffic city' brand. Focus on sustainable mobility and people centric policies like free buses for women and students instead of flyovers which are short-term band aids," Mr. Alavilli said.

Directorate of Enforcement seizes ₹8.26 cr. from edutech firm

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED), which recently raided city-based Pigeon Education Technology India Private Limited, seized ₹8.26 crore from the firm.

It earlier raided the firm to find out if it was fully owned by Chinese nationals, and profits made by it were siphoned off to Hong Kong under the garb of advertisement expenses. Following this discovery, ED took up a case under Section 37A of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999. The edutech company provides online classes under the brand name Odaclass.

Search and seizure

"Earlier, the ED conducted search and seizure action against the company and found that the company is 100% owned by Chinese nationals and all the affairs of the company, including financial decisions, are being taken by the persons sitting in China. During the investigation, it was ascertained that the company has siphoned off ₹82.72 crore to China and Hong Kong in the name of advertisement and marketing expenses on the instructions of Chinese director Liu Can. The company could not produce any proof of receipt of service on its part and proof of any advertisement published against the said expenses," the Directorate of Enforcement said in a statement.

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Preferential facilities to Sasikala: HC quashes sanction granted for prosecuting three former staff of Bengaluru prison

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has quashed the sanction granted by the State government for prosecuting three former staff of Bengaluru central prison on charges of corruption in providing preferential facilities illegally to former AIADMK leader V.K Sasikala when she was lodged in the prison for serving sentence in a corruption case against former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalithaa.

Justice K. Natarajan passed the order while allowing the separate petitions filed by three accused prison staff against whom the charge sheet was filed after the government in 2021 granted separate sanction for their prosecution.

The petitions were filed by Gajaraja, who was then serving as sub-inspector of police in Karnataka State Industrial Security Force deputed to the central prison security, Anitha R., the then Assistant Superintendent of central prison, and Krishna Kumar, the then Chief Superintendent of the central prison. All three of them are now serving in different posts in other places.

A file photo of the High Court of Karnataka.

Meanwhile, the court said that the government could consider grant of sanction afresh for prosecuting Mr. Kumar by proper application of mind.

The main reason cited by the court for quashing the sanction was "non-application of mind" by the authority competent to grant sanction.

The court pointed out that the sanctioning authority had ignored the fact that the investigating agency had not filed charge sheet against H.N. Sathyanarayana Rao, a retired Director-General of Police (Prisons) who was named as main accused in the first information report (FIR) lodged by the government itself, while granting sanction for prosecuting the petitioners.

"The State has issued the sanction order [against Mr. Gajaraja] simply mentioning 'final report' of the police and without any discussion or satisfaction," the court said, pointing out that there was no specific allegation against Mr. Gajaraja attracting provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

On sanction granted to Dr. Anitha, the court noted that the sanctioning authority had dropped the departmental inquiry against her on the same allegation after the administrative tribunal set aside the inquiry. However, the court pointed out that the same authority, ignoring dropping of departmental inquiry, accorded sanction for her prosecution on the same charges without application of mind.

On the charges against Mr. Kumar, the court said that there was no specific allegation against him regarding any demand for bribe or its acceptance, as allegations were limited to giving high security and protection to Ms. Sasikala though there was no threat to her life.

The competent authority ignored dropping of similar charges against Dr. Anitha, and had not filed charge sheet against the former DGP (Prisons) while granting sanction for prosecuting Mr. Kumar, the court said.

Forest guard injured during elephant count at Nagarahole

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

A forest guard engaged in enumeration of elephant population was injured when he tried to evade a charging tusker at Nagarahole on Friday. The guard, Abhishek, sighted an elephant during the enumeration exercise and it suddenly turned towards him. Abhishek scurried for cover but stumbled and fell suffering shoulder injuries.

The incident occurred in the Anechowkur range of Nagarahole. He was first taken to a nearby hospital in Madikeri for first aid before being shifted to Mysuru for treatment. Director of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve C. Harshakumar said Abhishek was out of danger and the injuries were not life threatening.

Exercise concludes

Meanwhile, the three-day elephant enumeration exercise came to a close on Friday, with the completion of the waterhole count. In all, 135 waterholes were covered as part of the exercise, and the field staff recorded a count of more than 400 elephants on the third day alone within the Nagarahole Tiger reserve limits. In the Kabini backwaters, around 150 elephants were counted, and it was more concentrated in the D.B. Kuppe range, said Mr. Harshakumar.

A herd of elephants cooling off in a waterhole in Bandipur.

There are 91 beats spread across eight divisions of Nagarahole and nearly 300 staff took part in the synchronised enumeration exercise. In Bandipur, over 400 staff were deployed for the exercise and 115 waterholes were covered. The number of elephants sighted was impressive and the authorities expect the final count to be high, said Ramesh Kumar, Director, Bandipur Tiger Reserve. The elephant enumeration exercise was taken up in both protected areas and in territorial divisions across the State.

The data will be scrutinised and subjected to statistical analysis before arriving at a final figure for the elephant population range in Karnataka. The synchronised exercise was also taken up in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Goa.

CBSE exam: THiS institutions fare well

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The schools part of The Hindu in School (THiS) programme achieved excellent results in the CBSE examination. In Rashtrotthana Vidya Kenra, Banashankari, 138 students appeared for the Class 10 exam and 48 secured 90% and above. Sneha M. Devaraddi scored 489 marks and emerged the topper.

In Sri Kumaran Children's Home (CBSE), Mallasandra, 226 students appeared in Class 10 and 139 secured 90% and above. Krithika Balasubramanian (492) was the topper. In Class 12, in Science, 126 students appeared, and 92 scored 90% and above marks. Vignesh Natarajkumar (496) was the topper. In Commerce, 36 students appeared, and 29 scored 90% and above marks. Rucha Sheetal Shah (496) was the topper. In Humanities, 39 students appeared, and 26 scored 90% and above. Shraddha Srinivas (487) was the topper.

In National Public School, Kengeri Satellite Town, 81 students appeared in Class 10 and 43 secured distinctions. Aprameya P. Mouli (487) was the topper. The school has been achieving 100% pass for seven years. In Class 12, 40 students appeared and 21 secured distinctions. B.M. Lekha (475) in commerce and Samyakk K.B. (473) were the toppers. The school achieved 100% pass for four years.

In Army Public School, K. Kamaraj Road, 190 appeared, and 177 passed in first class. Nishtha Gupta (484) was the topper. In Class 12, 179 appeared, and 177 passed in first class. The school achieved 100% pass for 15 years. In Science, Anamay Mittal (483), and in Commerce, Parinita Bisht (484 marks) and in Humanities Lakshita Yadav (496) were toppers.

Sri Aurobindo Memorial School, Banashankari, achieved 100% pass for 20 years. In all, 159 students appeared and 109 secured distinctions in Class 10. Kshitij Vinayak Kulkarni scored 491 to top.

The first batch of Airaa Academy, Banashankari, achieved 100% pass with all 11 getting first class. Neha Mahendra Bandlapalli (91.6%) was topper.

New flights introduced from Bengaluru

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two new domestic flights have commenced operations in the last few days from Bengaluru, while another on an international route will start its services from June 1 onwards.

Star Air on May 13 started operations of the Embraer E175 jet on the Bengaluru-Hyderabad-

Jamnagar route. becoming the first regional connectivity scheme (RCS) operator to offer business class on this route.

The airline said that initially it will operate there flights per week (Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday) on the Bengaluru-Hyderabad-Jamnagar-Bengaluru route on the Embraer E175 with a second leg on the same sector on the Embraer E145 till May 23.

"Post this, both the sectors for the day will be operated by the E175. Also, the frequency will go up by one more day post May 20," the airline said.

On May 18 Akasa Air started daily non-stop flights connecting Kolkata with Bengaluru and Guwahati.

"These new routes will also offer Akasa Air customers the option to travel seamlessly from Bengaluru to Guwahati via Kolkata with no change of aircraft," Akasa Air said.

IndiGo, which has announced new direct flights between several Indian and Middle Eastern cities, on Friday said that the newly-introduced routes will include Bengaluru-Dubai commencing from June 1.

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IndiGo said that it will be the first Indian carrier to operate direct flights between Bengaluru-Dubai. "Dubai, also known as the Venice of the Gulf, is the main commercial centre of the United Arab Emirates. The city is also known for its high-end shopping, cutting-edge architecture, and nightlife. Connectivity between Dubai and Bengaluru will not only boost tourism in the cities but also open newer trade opportunities and promote economic growth as Dubai is a crucial commercial hub," IndiGo said.

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Ancient heritage, modern homes

The two can complement each other provided the skill-sets are preserved and sustained, says **Nandhini Sundar**

Celebration of heritage - in the traditional arts and crafts - is not one to be doubted, especially with increasing awareness in revival realisations happening to preserve our arts.

Yet, while consciousness and loud calls prevail in saving the art of handmade crafts, the ground realities of actual conservation do not appear so rosy or conducive for taking forward on a significant scale. The question then arises: are we staring at a scenario of disappearing heritage?

Sensitive to this situation, the Institute of Indian Interior Designers (IIID), Bangalore Regional Chapter, along with Sri Sri Rural Development Program, recently hosted a conversation on heritage and its conservation through possible uses in contemporary built spaces.

The discussion began on the note of traditional crafts increasingly failing to be passed down generations as was done in the past, with the arts and crafts losing the core fabric of the intricate skills imparted and learnt over a lengthy period.

While this scenario was sought to be circumvented by starting of specific skill centres geared to impart this skilling and knowledge to those choosing to enter this segment, the challenges of incorporating the traditional arts and crafts on a large scale into contemporary interiors was brought to the fore, as "a significant market is the basis for any art or craft to survive and flourish."

Commenting on this, Architect Prathima Seethur of Wright Inspires stated,

"The chief issue here is the limited awareness, starting from children to adults, on the extent of skill-sets, traditional elements and heritage our country harbours. This is the case in also the eagerness to imbibe the same into the lifestyle."

She said it is important to enable our future generation to appreciate as well as adapt these into their lifestyle. "Besides, skilling should go beyond the fabric of being passed down generations to keep the heritage alive."

Finding the market

For any skill to thrive there needs to be a market, to ensure the artisan has enough to subsist if the traditional art or craft is chosen as the livelihood, opined Architect Shruti Vedavyas of Jaisim Fountainhead.

"The contemporary scene throws up requirements that are totally different from the scene existing in the past. To be able to incorporate traditional arts into a contemporary interior, innovation is the key where the technique or craft can be used in varied applications as against its traditional use. This way the core skill-sets will be preserved, yet opening more avenues and larger market for these products."

She pointed to the application of the handmade Athangudi tiles which were ubiquitous in the erstwhile mansions of Karaikudi. "These can still be used as a highlight on a wall, as an accent on the floor, possibly infused as a tile into a table instead of merely looking at its application as flooring material.

Such innovation would address the business component and possibility of a lucrative market for the craft to survive, she elaborated.

It is a challenge to incorporate traditional arts and crafts on a large scale into contemporary interiors

Quality and delivery challenges

Yet another challenge that looms large is the quality of the product delivered when the skilling is not complete and equally so the possibilities of continuous supply for a large scale usage as the products are essentially handmade.

Negating this was Architect Indrajit Kembhavi of Kembhavi Architecture Foundation. "Skilling will play a major role and also tilt the balance in terms of commercial benefits received as well as respect for these skilled professions, resulting in better supply. Skilful and appropriate marketing and promotion of these products again will go a long way in altering the scene. Strong control over quality, supply and delivery would again permit larger global exposure to scale up going forward," he stated.

Addressing the mindset

Any change or even commitment to revive requires a specific mindset. Senthil Kumar Doss of Play Architecture pointed to this, stating that currently, addressing heritage is only at the surface level. "The integrity practised in the past needs to be revisited. In the traditional structures there was a continuous relationship through the entire process unlike the surface-level address of today. A shift to a deeper platform would broaden the influence and when work has depth, longer sustenance need not be doubted."

Handmade crafts for interiors should be consciously brought in by architects and interior designers. MADHURYA CREATIONS

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Sustainability is key

Pointing out that the average age of a weaver of the Kanchipuram silk sari is close to 60 and with the younger generation reluctant to learn the skills or take up the profession due to lack of a lucrative market or steady income, Bharathy Harish, Director, Madhurya Creations, a heritage revival boutique, stated that unless the market is made sustainable, it is going to be a struggle going forward. "Social media has helped to create awareness on heritage crafts, arts and weaves. Yet, the knowledge of the diverse heritage and skills available in the country is still small and inadequate."

According to Bharathy, if it became a habit for the public to study the information available on social media, itwould help increase the desire to bring in arts and crafts in a small measure into the household. This calls for a change in the mindset, where heritage is not perceived as expensive but going back to the roots. It would preserve heritage in whatever form, be it handmade wall and floor tiles, exquisite wooden furniture or craftwork, paintings on cushions, silk weaves as wall play or upholstery, carved furniture or pillars in interiors. "The awareness of handmade art, their availability, and marketability will all then fall in line," she says.

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Swearing-in ceremony likely to turn into a show of unity

Leaders of 20 Opposition parties have been invited; Congress supporters are expected to throng Kanteerava Stadium to witness Siddaramaiah taking oath as Chief Minister for the second term

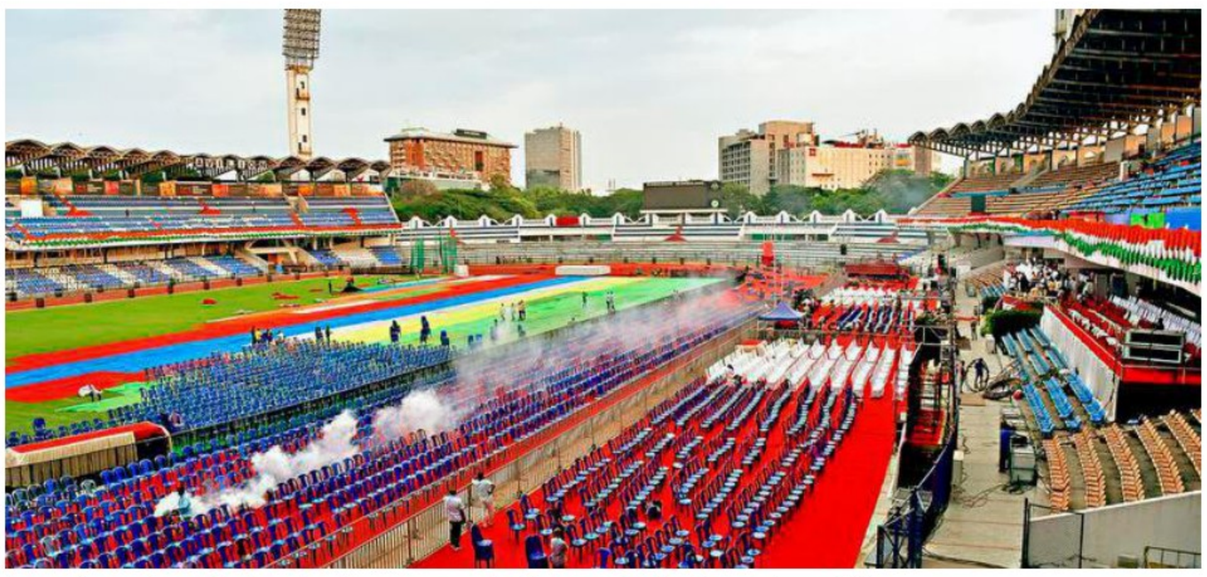
The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In what is being turned into a show of unity among the Opposition parties ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the Congress has invited leaders of 20 parties across the country to witness the swearing-in ceremony of Siddaramaiah as the 24th Chief Minister of Karnataka and D.K. Shivakumar as the Deputy Chief Minister on Saturday.

Thousands of Congress supporters are expected to throng the Kanteerava Stadium in the Central Business District to witness Mr. Siddaramaiah taking oath for the second term at 12.30 p.m. In his earlier stint, Mr. Siddaramaiah had taken oath as the Chief Minister on May 13, 2013 and headed the Congress government till May 15, 2018, becoming the first Chief Minister after the late D. Devaraj Urs to complete full term. He has also presented a record 13 Budgets so far. Congress has registered an impressive victory winning 135 seats in the 224-member Assembly, its highest since 1989. On Friday, brisk preparations were under way for the event. Mr. Shivakumar along with Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma oversaw the final touches being given in the stadium. Later, Mr. Siddaramaiah and Mr. Shivakumar, who went to Delhi to finalise the Cabinet formation, also invited top Congress leaders for the swearing in. Along with the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister, some legislators, whose number was yet to be known at the time of going to the press, will also take oath as Ministers. Besides the Chief Ministers and leaders, who are opposed to the BJP, Congress Chief Ministers and leaders from across the country, including Congress president M. Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi will be present at the swearing-in ceremony, setting the stage to provide optics of Opposition unity in the country. This is the second time that several national leaders are converging in Bengaluru. In a similar exercise in 2018 when H.D. Kumaraswamy was sworn in as the Chief Minister of the Janata Dal (S)-Congress alliance, a number of leaders of national and regional parties were present to send out a message of unity ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

Police sources said most of the invitees had confirmed their participation while a few would be sending their representatives.

Among those sending the representatives are West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee (TMC), former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray (Shiv Sena-Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) and former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav (Samajwadi Party).



Preparations under way for the oath-taking ceremony at the Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru on Friday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Important invitees

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin
- Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar
- Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren
- Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu
- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupendra Baghel
- Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejaswi Yadav
- Former Maharashtra Chief Minister Sharad Pawar
- Former Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah
- Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti
- CPI (M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury
- CPI general secretary D. Raja
- Janata Dal (United) president Lalan Singh
- MDMK president Vaiko
- RSP president N. K. Premchandran
- CPI (ML) general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya
- VCK president Thol. Thirumavalan
- RLD president Jayant Chaudhary
- Kerala Congress president Jose K. Mani
- IUML president Sadaq Ali Thangal

Cabinet formation turns out to be tricky for Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After recording a resounding victory in the Assembly polls where it has won 135 seats, the ministry formation has been a Herculean task for the top Congress leaders as they tried to balance various pressure groups and regional aspirations.

With 32 Cabinet berths available to be filled besides the post of the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister, Congress grappled with high pressure as about 65 aspirants lobbied for the Cabinet berths. A large number of aspirants also camped in Delhi to lobby for the post. Congress sources said that of the 135 legislators, 35 are first-time, who have been kept away from the Cabinet forming exercise.

Chief Minister-designate Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister-designate D.K. Shivakumar were involved in multiple closed-door meetings with the leaders in Delhi to finalise the list and late on Friday, they were closeted with AICC president M. Mallikarjun Kharge. Party sources said that though both the leaders have their list of preferred Ministers, the list is likely to be moderated at Delhi through a collective decision making process. "Not all districts may be represented in the first round of Cabinet formation," sources said.

Four senior Congress leaders, who otherwise could have lobbied for the Cabinet posts themselves, are said to have lobbied for their children. "The formation of the Cabinet has been among the tough calls as it could lead to heartburn and dissidence in the future. Not only would the decision be based on balancing community and regional aspirations, caste lobbying has increased tremendously as every caste has got more representation in the Assembly on the Congress ticket this time," sources said.

Sources said that there are so many seniors and former Ministers among the aspirants that all eyes are now on the party as to how many new faces will be accommodated this time.

Though a handful of MLCs are also seeking the Cabinet berth, the party is likely to not accommodate more than two or even one from among the council members, sources said.

Congress leaders Priyanka Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi with D.K. Shivakumar and Siddaramaiah in New Delhi on Friday.

Implementation of 'guarantees' may be announced in the first Cabinet meeting today

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

The Congress, which will form the government on Saturday, will in all likelihood announce the implementation of the five "guarantees" it had promised to voters in its poll manifesto, in its first Cabinet meeting.

Both Siddaramaiah and D.K. Shivakumar, who will be sworn-in as the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister, respectively, have said on many occasions that the Congress government's first Cabinet meeting would announce the implementation of its poll promises.

Though Congress leaders estimated the cost of five "guarantees" at ₹50,000 crore annually, experts say that the figure would cross ₹65,000 crore.

The cost of freebies will be close to the fiscal deficit of the State. In the 2023-24 Budget presented by the BJP government, it said "fiscal deficits are expected to be ₹60,581 crore", which is 2.6% of the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP). The implementation of schemes would increase the fiscal deficit to more than 4.5% of GSDP (₹1.14 lakh crore), an expert said.

Mr. Siddaramaiah, who presented 13 Budgets, said "guarantees" were for the welfare of the needy people. Around ₹50,000 crore will be required annually to implement these "guarantees".

The former Chief Minister argued that "Karnataka is capable of meeting the expenditure because this year the State Budget touched ₹3.1 lakh crore and every year the Budget size grows by ₹25,000. So, by the end of the 5-year term, the Budget size will be ₹4.5 lakh crore. So, it is possible to implement the "guarantees".

Backed by 21% buoyancy in revenue receipts post-COVID, the Bommai government presented the State Budget of ₹3,09,181.5 crore in 2023-24.

The five schemes that the Congress guaranteed it would implement are: 'Gruha Jyothi' to provide monthly 200 units free electricity to every household; 'Gruha Lakshmi' to grant ₹2,000 every month to every women head of families; Anna Bhagya to distribute monthly 10 kg of rice to every member of BPL families, 'Yuva Nidhi' to sanction ₹3,000 dole to unemployed graduates and ₹1,500 to unemployed diploma holders every month for two years (in the 18-25 age group) and 'Shakti', a free travel for women in ordinary public transport buses across Karnataka. These 'guarantees' are considered as one of the major factors that drove voters, particularly women, to support the Congress and its emphatic victory in 2023 Assembly elections, political observers noted. The Congress bagged 135 seats in the 224-member Assembly.

A few BJP leaders have claimed that implementation of the 'guarantees' would push the State into financial bankruptcy, and have also claimed that the Congress would not honour its pre-poll promises fully.

The Congress leaders say that out of five guarantees, 'Anna Bhagya' is an ongoing scheme, and the new promise is to increase the quantity of foodgrains. The Congress promised to give 10 kg of foodgrains for each member of the BPL family per month against the BJP's 5 kg.

Referring the guarantee of giving 200 units of free power to households, sources said the State has achieved power surplus and giving free power would not be a problem.

On doling out ₹2,000 under 'Gruha Lakshmi' for women heads of families, sources said it is likely to be confined only to BPL families and not all women heads in the State.

Annual accounts statement uploaded

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Office of the Accountant General (A & E), Karnataka, has uploaded the Annual Accounts Statement for 2022-23 on its website relating to General Provident Fund (GPF) of the High Court of Karnataka, All India Service Officers (Karnataka Cadre), and Employees of Government of Karnataka.

In a press note, O/o AG (A & E) said that the subscribers can access their GPF Annual Accounts Statements through the official website: http://www.agkar.cag.gov .in and download the same. In addition, the GPF Annual Accounts Statements can also be downloaded from the Human Resource Management System (HRMS) website of Government of Karnataka http://www.hrms.karnataka.gov.in.

Discrepancy

In case of discrepancy in the downloaded GPF Annual Accounts Statements, the subscribers may write to Senior Accounts Officer, FM (C), O/o AG (A & E), Karnataka, Park House Road, Bengaluru- 560001 or call 080-22379335, or 080-22640310, the press note added.

Confusion over reservation among factors that hurt BJP's prospects in ST (reserved) constituencies

Kumar Buradikatti
KALABURAGI

Despite the BJP's outreach to the Scheduled Tribes (STs) in Karnataka through an increase in reservation quota from 3% to 7%, which the party claimed was historic, the saffron party has drawn a blank in the 15 constituencies reserved for STs. Confusion over reservation and inclusion of Talwar and Parwar communities in the ST list is being seen as among the reasons for the defeat

While the BJP had won six ST seats in 2018, the Congress had won 8 seats and Janata Dal (Secular) 1 seat. In 2023, the ruling BJP faced a rout in ST constituencies while the Congress won 14 seats and one went to the JD(S).

Barring one ST (reserved) seat in Mysuru district (H.D. Kote) and another in Belagavi (Yemkanmardi), members of the Nayaka (Beda/Valmiki) community constitute a significant number of voters in Chitradurga, Ballari, Raichur, Belagavi and Yadgir districts.

Big leaders defeated

Those considered as big leaders of the community, including Transport Minister B. Sriramulu, former ministers Narasimha Naik (Raju Gowda) and Shivanagouda Naik, former Lok Sabha Member from Raichur B.V. Naik and S. Tippeswamy, lost the elections. In their preliminary assessment, community leaders in the BJP believe that multiple factors worked against the party's candidates.

"An important reason was the prevailing confusion over the increase in reservations for the community. The community could not reap the benefit of increased reservation. Also, days after announcing the increased reservation, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced the inclusion of Talawar and Pariwar communities among STs. It meant that the community had to share the existing reservation with the new entrants without an increase in the reservation quota," a community leader explained, adding that this enraged the community whose members resorted to protests against their leaders in the BJP, such as B. Sriramulu in Ballari Rural and Raju Gowda in Yadgir.

Mr. Raju Gowda said, "The added inclusion led to persons from these communities receiving ST certificates in many places. This did not go down well with the Nayak and other STs communities."

Leaders of the Nayak community in Chitradurga said that Congress' allegation - that the increase of reservations to SCs and STs was merely an election rhetoric, which could not be implemented - resonated with the SCs and STs at the grassroots.

According to another leader, M. Mallikarjun Kharge becoming president of the All India Congress Committee (AICC) and the possibility of Siddaramaiah becoming the Chief Minister for a second term seem to have played a role in mobilising the BJP's Dalit and Kuruba votes in favour of Congress candidates.

"My constituency has a sizable number of Kuruba and Dalit communities. A team of Kuruba leaders from outside the constituency meticulously planned and worked in the constituency in the last four days before the election, and successfully convinced even my supporters in the community to vote for Congress. The same happened with Dalits too. Various Dalit outfits from outside the constituency successfully convinced my supporters in the Dalit community to vote for Congress just to uphold the standing of Mr. Kharge as AICC president," claimed Mr. Raju Gowda, who lost to Congress candidate Raja Venkatappa Naik by a margin of 25,223 votes in Shorapur segment in Yadgir district.

B. Sriramulu

K. Shivanagouda Naik

Vijayendra criticises Congress for not giving prominent position to Lingayats

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

BJP State vice-president B.Y. Vijayendra has launched an attack on the Congress for not providing prominent position like Chief Minister or Deputy Chief Minister to Lingayat leaders and remarked that true face of Congress has been unveiled.

Taking to Twitter to criticise the Congress, Mr. Vijayendra said: "After using Lingayats as Pedestal for its greed of power, stalwarts of Congress have suddenly gone silent when it comes to offering CM or even DCM posts. Ironically, even after winning a maximum of 39 MLAs from Congress, Lingayats find themselves without any strong voice to demand rightful positions."

He further said: "True face of Congress has been unveiled for the infinite time. Congress which has always mistreated Lingayats can never do real justice to the community. It is BJP which truly represents Anna Basavanna & his teachings, providing justice to all by following his philosophy."

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

SECOND ANNIVERSARY

Born : 15.11.1929 Died : 19.05.2021

N.C.SUNDARARAJAN

Chartered Accountant

"Those who touch our lives, stay in our Hearts Forever' "

"A Year has passed physically but your spirt still shines through our work.We walk the path of your vision and strive to make you proud."

Partners & Staff
N.C.Rajagopal & Co.,

INBRIEF

Marriage can be solemnised online, says Kerala High Court

A Division Bench of the Kerala High Court has affirmed a single judge's view that a wedding under the Special Marriage Act can be solemnised online via videoconferencing. The Bench, while answering a reference made by a single judge, observed that the Special Marriage Act should be construed with time in light of the Information Technology Act, 2000. Section 6 of the Act recognised the use of electronic records in government and its agencies.

Over 130 hospitalised with food poisoning after wedding

As many as 135 people who attended a wedding at Kalady in Malappuram district of Kerala on Wednesday were hospitalised with symptoms of food poisoning. Many of them are children. They were admitted to different hospitals at Edappal and neighbouring places with diarrhoea, vomiting, and fever. Health officials said none was critical, sources said. Health officials said it could have been caused by the water used during the function.

Boy mauled to death by stray dogs in Telangana's Kazipet

An eight-year-old boy was mauled to death by stray dogs at the Railway quarters in Kazipet in Telangana's Hanamkonda district on Friday. The victim was identified as Chotu, the only son of a migrant street vendor couple from Uttar Pradesh. He was attacked by two dogs near a park abutting the quarters. Following the incident, residents sought urgent measures to curb the dog menace. In February, a four-year-old boy was killed by a pack of stray dogs in Hyderabad.

Private hospitals in Kerala in search of bouncers

Heavily-built guards in demand after instances of patients, caregivers attacking medical staff

K.S. Sudhi
KOCHI

Brawny bouncers are being hired by private hospitals in Kerala in the wake of instances of patients and caregivers attacking medical personnel and hospital property in different parts of the State.

Following the recent daylight murder of a young house surgeon in Kottarakara, the State government last week had approved an Ordinance to amend the Kerala Healthcare Service Persons and Healthcare Service Institutions (Prevention of Violence and Damage to Property) Act. Organisations of doctors have been demanding steps to curb "increasing instances" of hospital-related violence. Ernakulam Medical Centre in Kochi recently added four bouncers to bolster its security team. Clad in black figure-hugging T-shirts, matching pants and shiny black shoes, they keep an eye on everyone who walks into the hospital. "A warning will be issued in the event of an untoward incident. It would prompt the staff to quickly assemble at predesignated points to ensure their safety," says an official at the hospital.

Two bouncers who were added recently to the security team at the Ernakulam Medical Centre in Kochi. H. VIBHU

The bouncers have been instructed not to get involved in law and order issues but to assist the hospital staff in controlling such situations, says T.A. Rajappan Nair, managing director of the private security agency that recruited the bouncers.

'Will deter miscreants'

"The presence of brawny security personnel will deter potential troublemakers. One more hospital in Kochi has sought the services of bouncers," Mr. Nair says. Bouncers are more for the "visual impact", says Jerry Philip, CEO of KIMSHEALTH, Thiruvananthapuram. The hospital depends more on its team of managers and PROs that steps in and defuses a situation at the slightest hint of trouble, Mr. Philip says.

The Kerala Private Hospitals Association is in the process of forming a centralised security system for its member hospitals, according to Hussain Koya Thangal, president of the association. An expert committee will shortly come up with its recommendations on a common security system for small- and medium-level hospitals, Mr. Thangal says.

(With inputs from C. Maya)

3 killed in wild gaur attacks in Kerala

The Hindu Bureau
KOTTAYAM

Three persons were killed in two incidents of wild gaur attacks in Kottayam and Kollam districts of Kerala on Friday.

In the first incident, two persons, Purathel Chackochan, 65, and Thomas Plavinamkuzhiyil, 60, both natives of Kanamala, near Erumely, were gored to death by a rampaging bison at 8 a.m. Chackochan was killed while he was tapping rubber trees at a plantation, while Thomas was attacked at his house while reading newspaper.

In the second incident, Samuel Varghese, 65, of Edamulakkal, Kollam, was attacked when he was at a rubber plantation behind his house. Though he was rushed to a hospital, he could not be saved. The gaur, driven away by residents, was found dead later. Varghese, an expatriate, arrived in Kollam on Thursday night and was attacked while talking to a rubber tapper.

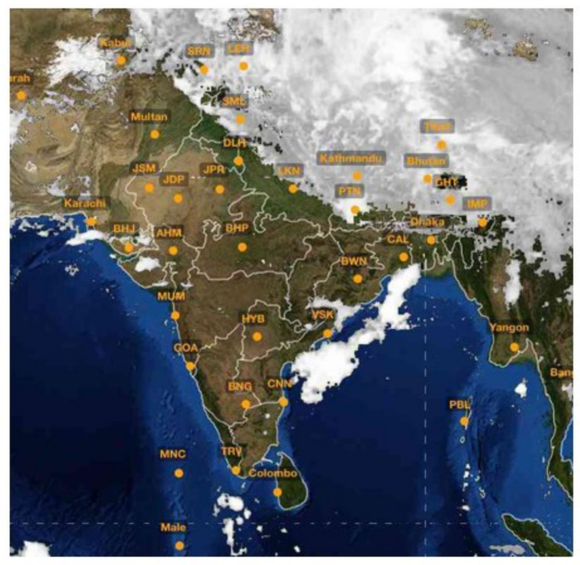
The incident at Kanamala – a farmer settlement on the Western Ghats – triggered widespread protests. Local people blocked traffic along the busy Erumely-Pampa road for more than eight hours demanding a government order to shoot sthe bison.

A large contingent of police was deployed in the area. The mob also turned against forest officials, alleging lapses in averting wild animal attacks. They refused to relent even after District Collector P.K. Jayasree, at the instance of Cooperation Minister V.N. Vasavan, issued an order to shoot the aggressive animal.

"The government has announced ₹10 lakh each for the family of the dead persons," the District Collector said.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya and Sikkim. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Nagaland, Mizoram, Odisha, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, south interior Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Kerala

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	34.0	22.5	Kozhikode	—	37.1	28.0
Ahmedabad	—	42.0	28.4	Kurnool	—	42.4	29.3
Aizawl	0.8	32.6	16.2	Lucknow	—	39.2	25.0
Allahabad	—	42.4	22.6	Madurai	—	39.0	26.6
Bengaluru	—	35.4	23.5	Mangaluru	—	34.4	26.5
Bhopal	—	—	26.8	Mumbai	—	34.1	26.4
Bhubaneswar	—	38.4	28.0	Mysuru	—	36.4	21.6
Chandigarh	—	36.8	22.4	New Delhi	—	38.2	24.4
Chennai	—	39.5	28.6	Patna	—	40.8	24.8
Coimbatore	—	35.6	25.6	Port Blair	—	33.4	25.8
Dehradun	—	34.9	19.8	Puducherry	—	38.0	28.2
Gangtok	16	17.2	14.9	Pune	—	40.5	23.2
Goa	—	35.6	25.5	Raipur	—	42.0	28.8
Guwahati	4	30.2	22.4	Ranchi	—	39.6	25.8
Hubballi	—	39.0	24.0	Shillong	16	21.6	14.4
Hyderabad	—	40.6	26.5	Shimla	0.2	23.7	13.9
Imphal	—	25.4	19.5	Srinagar	0.4	25.3	9.4
Jaipur	—	39.8	27.4	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.5	27.6
Kochi	—	33.0	27.6	Tiruchi	—	38.7	27.6
Kohima	7	18.9	—	Vijayawada	—	38.4	28.6
Kolkata	23	37.6	22.0	Visakhapatnam	—	34.6	29.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	7	—	.27	142	159	
Bengaluru	.26	.11	101	79	90	
Chennai	3	206	125	76	70	
Delhi	9	.37	.57	228	186	
Hyderabad	6	.24	.32	105	124	
Kolkata	8	.20	.22	39	61	
Lucknow	8	.37	.37	171	176	
Mumbai	3	.36	110	39	58	
Pune	107	150	117	132	92	
Visakhapatnam	.17	.45	.26	66	116	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 256 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Sivasagar, Assam recorded a healthy AQI score of 23

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCIAL TAXES
Office of the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Vanijya Therige Karyalaya-1, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560 009.

No: PRO/Public Notice/2022-23 Date: 19.05.2023

NOTICE

It is hereby informed that all persons liable to pay tax as per the KTPTC Act 1976 are required to get themselves registered or enrolled and those who are already registered are directed to **pay tax by the extended time according to the provisions of the Act by 31.05.2023.**

Sd/-
Commissioner of Commercial Taxes
(Karnataka) Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/76/MAA/2023-24

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
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Telephone no: 08338-220053, Fax: 08338-223001,
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No:/CMC/Tech/CR-2023-24/198 Dated: 18-05-2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-Portal)

The Municipal Commissioner, City Municipal Council Nippani, District: Belagavi invites tenders through e-procurement Portal in two cover system using KW-4 from Class-1 contractors for SFC Special Grant Project of Nippani City as detailed below: (Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No	Description of work	Estimate Amount	EMD
1	Construction of City Municipal School Building at Municipal High School Campus, Nipani DMA/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT143724/Call-2	126.04	1.89

Contractors can download and submit the tenders through e-Procurement portal at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Calendar of Events and other information are as follows:

1	Period of Completion	16 Months
2	Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders	05-06-2023 up to 16.00 pm
3	Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid	06-06-2023 up to 16.30 pm
4	Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid	13-06-2023 up to 15.00 pm

Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only through e-Procurement portal and will not be published in newspapers For detail tender notification see State Tender Bulletin Nippani CMC office Notice Board, Website www.nippanicity.mrc.gov.in & Technical Section in Office Hours

Sd/-Municipal Commissioner
CMC Nippani

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-25/MCA/2023-24

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
TENDER NOTICE NO. OHE/CN/DyCEE/23-24/03/186 DATE: 18.05.2023
For and on behalf of The President of India, The Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/OHE Construction, Southern Railway, Chennai Egmore invites E-Tender for the following works.
"OHE Modification works in connection with construction of ROB/RUB in lieu of level crossing in SA and TPJ divisions of Southern Railway"
Tender Value: ₹ 41,23,345.72
Tender closing date and time: 16.06.2023 at 11.00 hrs
For more details visit **www.ireps.gov.in**
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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Malleshwaram Division, 2nd Cross, Jaladarshini Layout, MSR Nagar, Mathikere, Bengaluru - 560054.

No: EE(MLM)/TN/E-Pro-01/2023-24 Date: 19-05-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Single Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Malleshwaram Division, BBMP for the works mentioned below from the registered Contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work / Category	Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Providing Temporary Monsoon Control Room for Mathikere Sub Division for the year 2023-24 during Rainy Season (For Four Months - 01-06-2023 to 30-09-2023. **(SC)**	**5.00**	**7500**
2	Providing Temporary Monsoon Control Room for Malleshwaram Sub Division for the year 2023-24 during Rainy Season (For Four Months - 01-06-2023 to 30-09-2023. **(Other)**	**5.00**	**12500**

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in 2)** Last Date for Uploading the Filled Proposals is **25-05-2023 upto 16.00 Hrs. 3)** Date of Opening of Financial Proposals is **29-05-2023 after 16.00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Malleshwaram Division, BBMP.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites bids for the following works:

No:CEE/TZB/SEE(O)/AE-2/2022-23/2528-30 Date: 16.05.2023

(1) Enquiry No. KPTCL/CEE/TR/BZ/PTK-245)(CALL-2) Gowribidanur for Providing additional 1 x 20MVA, 66/11kV Power transformer along with 11kV switchgear and Capacitor bank at 220/66/11kV Gowribidanur Sub-station in Gowribidanur Taluk & Chikkaballapura District including supply of all materials **(Excluding Power Transformer & 11kV Switchgear)**/equipment and erection (including Civil works) of all materials/equipments, testing and commissioning on **Partial Turnkey Basis.**

No:CEE/TZB/SEE(O)/AEE-4/2022-23/2745 Date: 18.05.2023

(2) Enquiry No. KPTCL/CEE/TR/BZ/TK-241(CALL-3) for Providing 2Nos of 66KV Line Terminal Bays at the existing 66/11KV Banaswadi Sub-station to terminate 66KV 630sqmm UG cable from 220/66/11KV ITI Sub- station and 220KV/66/11KV HBR Layout Sub-station by M/s. BMRCL on Total Turnkey basis including supply of all matching materials/equipment and erection (including civil works) of all materials/equipments, testing and commissioning.

The Bids will be received through electronic tender mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging into **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 23.05.2023 for Sl.No. (1) and 25.05.2023 for Sl.No. (2).** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electy, Transmission Zone, KPTCL, A.R.Circle, Bengaluru-560009, Ph.: 080-22282601/602.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Vijayanagar Division, 3rd Main Road, 1st Floor, Shasakara Bhavan, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560 040.

No.:EE(VJN)/AE/TEND/01/2023-24 Date:19.05.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal only) (Single Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, Vijayanagar Division invites the tenders from eligible tenderers for the works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Amount put to tender (Rs. In Lakhs)
1	Establishment of temporary control room for monsoon period in Vijayanagara Sub Division.	5.00
2	Establishment of temporary control room for monsoon period in Gali Anjaneyaswamy Temple Sub Division.	5.00
	For both the Works EMD : Rs. 12,500/-	

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GOK e-Procurement portal **https://eproc. karnataka.gov.in 2)** Last date for receipt of tender : **29.05.2023 upto 04.00 p.m. 3)** Date of opening of Financial bids: **30.05.2023 at 04.30 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours & also from website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Vijayanagar Division.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer, Bangalore South Division, Amruth Nagara, Konankunte Main Road, Soudamini Layout, Bangalore-62.

No:BBMP/EE/BSD/TEND/01/2023-24 Dated : 19.05.2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER

SINGLE COVER TENDER (Through e-Procurement Portal GOK website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in only)

The Executive Engineer, (Bangalore South Division), BBMP, Bangalore-62. Invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, or equivalent Registration with KPWD/CPWD/BWSSB/ Railways/ MES/National Highway or any state Government Organizations for the Construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approximate Value of work (Rs in lakhs.)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Establishment of Temporary Control Room for Monsoon Period (01/06/2023 to 30/09/2023) in Uttarahalli Sub Division in ward No.184, 185 & 197.	5.00	20000.00
2	Establishment of Temporary Control Room for Monsoon Period (01/06/2023 to 30/09/2023) in Anjanapura Sub Division in ward No.194,195 & 196.	5.00	20000.00
3	Establishment of Temporary Control Room for Monsoon Period (01/06/2023 to 30/09/2023) in Begur Sub Division in ward No.191 & 192.	5.00	20000.00

Calendar of events: 1) Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender Document is 29.05.2023 upto 4.00 p.m. 2) Date of Technical bid opening of Tenders is on 30.05.2023 by 4.30 p.m.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Bangalore South Division

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Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer , K. R. Pura Division, Old Madras Road, K.R.Pura, Bangalore-560 036.

No: EE/KRP/TND/01/2023-24 Date: 19-05-2023

INVITATION FOR SINGLE COVER TENDER (IFT)
(Short term Tender Notification)
(Only through E-Procurement System)

The Executive Engineer (K.R. Pura) invites Item Rate tenders from eligible tenderers for the works detailed in the table given below. The Tenderers may submit tenders for any or all of the works given in the table in appropriate class registered in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike/CPWD/KPWD/Railways/ MES/any State or Central Govt. organization.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Approx. Amout Value of work (Rs.in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	Establishment of Temporary Control Room during monsoon-2023 in K.R. Pura Sub Division (Consisting of Ward No.86, 87, 88 & 89) For the Month June, July, August and September.	**5.00**	**12500.00**
2.	Establishment of Temporary Control Room during monsoon - 2023 in Horamavu Sub Division (Consisting of Ward No.81,82, 83, 84 & 85) For the Month June, July, August and September.	**5.00**	**12500.00**
3.	Establishment of Temporary Control Room during monsoon - 2023 in HAL Airport Sub Division(Consisting of Ward No.90, 91, 92 & 93) For the Month June, July, August and September.	**5.00**	**12500.00**

Calendar of Events: (1) Last date for Tender Queries & Clarifications is **26.05.2023 upto 16.00 hrs. (2)** Last date for submission of tender documents on or before **29.05.2023 at 4.00 p.m. (3)** Date of Opening of Tenders is on **30.05.2023 at 4.30 p.m.** This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP **Website: www:bbmp.gov.in** Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer, K. R. Pura Division, BBMP.

Change for the better

The shifting of Rijiju from Law Ministry should end conflict with the judiciary

It is difficult not to see the removal of Union Minister Kiren Rijiju from the Law and Justice Ministry as a move by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to avoid any escalation in his regime's confrontations with the judiciary in the one year left in his current tenure. Other considerations may have been at work in the shifting of Mr. Rijiju to the Ministry of Earth Sciences and the appointment of Arjun Ram Meghwal as Minister of State, with independent charge, in the Law Ministry, but the marked decline in Mr. Rijiju's frequent fulminations against the Supreme Court collegium do indicate a desire to tone down his penchant for confrontation. While there is inaction or delay on the part of the government on some recommendations, quite a few appointments, including in the Supreme Court, have been made since February, indicating a thaw in the frosty relations between the executive and the judiciary. Apart from his vocal criticism of the collegium system of appointments, which many others indeed see as flawed and in need of reform, Mr. Rijiju had tended to voice unusually trenchant opinions not befitting one holding a portfolio that involves dealing with members of the superior judiciary. He once accused a few retired judges of being "an anti-India gang" who were trying to make the judiciary play the role of an opposition party. On another instance, he voiced concern over the collegium making public some intelligence inputs on the basis of which candidates recommended for appointment were deemed unsuitable by the government.

In choosing Mr. Meghwal, who represents the reserved constituency of Bikaner in Rajasthan, Mr. Modi may have also been looking for a suitable opportunity to accommodate a Minister from Rajasthan in a portfolio with a higher profile. The Rajasthan Assembly elections are due around the end of the year. Mr. Meghwal has begun his stint with an observation that there is no confrontation with the judiciary and that his priority would be to ensure speedy justice for all. One issue that requires resolution is the finalisation of a fresh Memorandum of Procedure for judicial appointments. Mr. Rijiju had said earlier this year that the government had emphasised to the Supreme Court the need for finalising the procedure soon. He had also mooted the idea of a 'search-cum-evaluation committee', with a government representative on it, for the appointment of Supreme Court judges and Chief Justices. It is expected that the government will continue to accord great importance to these two issues. While pursuing such initiatives, the government should avoid giving the impression that it wants to gain absolute control over the appointment of judges.

Among the elite

India's presidency of the G-20 gives it additional heft at the G-7 summit

As he left for Japan on Friday to attend the G-7 summit – India is a special invitee – Prime Minister Narendra Modi called India's attendance "particularly meaningful" this year. While Mr. Modi was referring specifically to India's G-20 presidency, and aligning the G-20 agenda with Japan's agenda for the G-7 summit is key, there are other reasons for India's presence to stand out at the conversations this weekend. Japan, as host, has taken a fairly tough position on Russia, with its envoy to India saying that the "message to Putin" must be that Russia will have to "pay" for its war in Ukraine. While all G-7 countries – the U.S., the U.K., Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the EU – are united in their efforts to sanction Russia further, it will be left to India, which has walked a line of fine balance thus far, to temper some of that language, particularly if joint communiques are sought with the outreach countries including South Korea, Australia, Brazil, Vietnam, Indonesia, Comoros and the Cook Islands. Neither Russia nor China, the "elephants in the room", are actually invited, and India's position will be all the more important for the "Voice of the Global South" that Mr. Modi has committed to amplify, in conversations about the impacts of sanctions imposed by the G-7 countries on the developing world, including on food, fertilizer and energy security. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has decided to accept Japan's invitation to attend the G-7 summit in person, and all eyes in India will be on a possible meeting between him and Mr. Modi, which would be a first since the Ukraine war began. The G-7 countries will keenly watch whether Mr. Modi extends an invitation to Mr. Zelenskyy to address the G-20 summit in September.

Apart from the Russia-Ukraine tussle, India will be at the forefront as G-7 and G-7+ countries discuss debt sustainability and helping countries such as Sri Lanka to avoid a "debt trap". It will also be a key speaker on issues such as building supply chain reliability, spearheading alternative energy coalitions, and seeking infrastructure and development aid in the region. Finally, India's unique voice, as a nuclear power that is not a member of the Non Proliferation Treaty regime, yet has built an impeccable record in nuclear restraint, will be heard as Japan seeks to send a united message on non-proliferation from Hiroshima which was devastated by an American atomic bomb in 1945. While the heavy lifting for the G-7 summit will be done by Japan and member countries, they are still seen as a small and "elitist" grouping, and India's heft as a developing power combined with its G-20 presidency make it the significant "other" this year, that can leave its mark in making the process more inclusive.

Under-reading and over-reading the Karnataka vote

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Over the last few days, there have been some very fine analyses of the Karnataka Assembly vote of 2023. We are told how different regions voted; how the AHINDA platform (Muslims, the backwards and Dalits) has re-emerged; how caste groups such as the Lingayats and Vokkalingas have consolidated; how anti-incumbency is a proud Karnataka State tradition; how the charge of 40% corruption *sarkara* stuck; how regional pride was stirred by the Nandini versus Amul milk controversy; how the BJP's communal card had limited success; how farmer's distress found a voice; how people vote differently in State and national elections; how the power of local Congress leaders and their welfarist manifesto resonated better with the voters than the double engine slogan of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) supremo, and how the Bharat Jodo Yatra had a significant effect. These are all important insights. They help us to understand the distinctiveness of the Assembly elections in one Indian State – Karnataka.

A wider story

But, they tell only half the story. The commentaries are too State specific. They under-read the result as if it is only a Karnataka story. There is, however, another story that can also be drawn from the anecdotes recounted, the quantitative data of opinion surveys, the Election Commission of India percentages, field reports and the editorial commentaries.

This other story also needs to be simultaneously told. It contains lessons for our global and national discourses on democracy. The Karnataka vote is about democracy's vulnerability. And about its resilience. At the risk of over-reading it, therefore, let me attempt this other telling.

Some of the analysts have described the Karnataka elections as a quarter-final for the general election in 2024, the semi-final being the next round of State elections to Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Chhattisgarh and Mizoram. This is both right and wrong. It is right in a temporal sense since, in terms of the calendar, May 2023 comes before November 2023, and both precede 2024. In this sequence, the election was certainly a quarter-final, and 2024 will be the final. But it is also wrong in that it only looks at electoral politics and not at democratic politics. Democratic politics is more layered. Electoral politics is only a subset.

As our society responds to the inevitable dynamics of modernity in the long unceasing march of history, democratic politics in India also seeks to respond to this dynamics. Voters in democracies speak as citizens and not just as voters. Their vote is, therefore, a political aggregation of historical memories and social imaginaries. It is a consolidated outcome of many factors. This is the Karnataka story which must also be recovered. In this sense it is not a quarter-final but can, paradoxically enough, be labelled as a post-2024 election, one that foretells the future of democracy in India. The vote in Karnataka is thus an occasion for a wild democratic celebration. Let us look at the five futuristic messages.

> The vote in Karnataka is more than a State-specific story; it is one that foretells the future of democracy in India

The futuristic messages

Before I list them, however, let me briefly describe the unique political personality of Karnataka which has made these two stories of electoral politics and democratic politics so credible. Karnataka has much in common with the other States in India, such as unacceptable inequality, persistent poverty, farmer distress, climate stress, cultural diversity, a developing regional identity, marginal communities, wide-spread corruption and so on. The talk of an electoral template from Karnataka is, thus, very much in order.

But Karnataka also has significant distinct features that set it apart from most other States except perhaps those from South India and Maharashtra. These also drive politics. Succinctly put, Karnataka has the Lingayat *maths*, that offer spiritual discourses, but also the community education societies such as the Karnatak Lingayat Education Society that offers courses in law, commerce, medicine and engineering. It has *shakas*, *madrasas*, and evangelical movements, but also pubs, fusion restaurants, and unicorns. For every Koshy it has an MTR. It supports a large diaspora both internally, Biharis and Tamilians, and externally, Kannadigas in the United States, both of whom send images of what the future looks like. They have seen it and they want it. That is why Pramod Muthalik of the Sri Rama Sene, which is involved in incidents of intimidation on Valentine's day, got a pitiable 4,508 votes. Hindutva in 2023 lost to modernity in Karnataka. That is what makes 2023 a post 2024 election. Now the five lessons.

One: There was a debate some months ago that India had morphed from being an electoral democracy to becoming an electoral autocracy. Democratic backsliding was taking place. The Karnataka elections of 2023 tell us that democracy is back, especially in its federal form. The last week, in fact, was a good week for democracy in India from the two outstanding judgments of the Supreme Court, where the power of the Delhi government was restored and where guardrails were set out for partisan Governors, to the Karnataka result. Both events showed that democracy is back. If only the other institutions stood their ground. Further, the vote percentages tell us that while there is a loyal vote for the BJP and the Congress there is, more importantly, a sizeable swing vote. It determines electoral outcomes. It seeks good governance. It has modernity aspirations.

Two: Civil society organisations (CSOs) are important for the health of a democracy. The Delhi diktats that have, over the years, tried to weaken and diminish civil society across India have, in 2023, naturally faced a hostile reaction in Karnataka. The work of organisations such as Eddelu Karnataka and Bahutva Karnataka, and many others, are witness to the fact that you cannot curtail the activity of CSOs and then expect them to be docile. They will bite back. They did so in Karnataka. CSOs are fundamental to the health of a democracy such as that of India. Do not mess with CSOs. We need them.

Three: Charisma has a short shelf-life. It soon gets routinised. Weber, the theorist, who put forward the idea of charismatic authority argued that it moves towards routinisation, either in a legal, rational or a traditional direction. Karnataka showed that it has moved. Charisma and money power did not sway people in Karnataka. Its 'use-by' date has passed.

Four: A competitive party system is the lifeblood of a successful democracy. So talk of a Congress-'*mukt*' Bharat has not helped since voters want a real choice among parties. The Karnataka elections have sent a warning to all parties that religion may be the opium of the people north of the Vindhyas, but here in the South, it is good governance. Karnataka has restored the power of a vibrant and competitive party system.

Accommodation over disharmony

Five: Social and cultural accommodation, through a philosophy of peaceful co-habitation, are more rewarding than communal disharmony. The strategy of divide and rule had little traction in Karnataka. Such philosophising may have come from the *vachanas* of Basavanna, or from Nehruvian secularism, but Karnataka has shown it is to be a part of the new democracy for India. Democracy is back as is secularism and scientific temper. I may be over-reading the election results but the great U.R. Ananthamurthy, I think, saw the trend very early. This, in a sense, was his election. The election of 2024 will, hence, have to catch up with Karnataka 2023.

The views expressed are personal

Tracking SDG progress the Bhopal way

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Bhopal has become the first city in India to join the growing global movement on localisation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) following the release of its Voluntary Local Review (VLR). In 2015, the 193 member-states of the United Nations adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which consists of 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets as a plan of action for 'people', 'the planet', and 'prosperity'.

The resolution specifies mechanisms for the monitoring, review, and reporting of progress as a measure of accountability towards the people. To this end, member-states submit a Voluntary National Review (VNR) to the UN's High Level Political Forum (HLPF), and, more recently, VLRs as a means for driving and reporting local implementation of SDGs at the sub-national and city levels.

India's progress

India has made commendable efforts towards the adoption, localisation, and achievement of the SDGs. NITI Aayog presented India's second VNR at the HLPF convened in 2020. India's Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MoSPI) has published a National Indicator Framework (NIF) for the review and monitoring of the SDGs, which contextualises the UN's Global Indicator Framework to represent India's unique development journey. As noted in a NITI Aayog report, at least 23 States and Union Territories have prepared a vision document based on SDGs. Almost all of them have initiated steps to localise the SDGs. However, it has taken a while to get to India's first Voluntary Local Review at the city level since the efforts to localise the SDGs began.

Cities are the most important stakeholders in Agenda 2030 as at least 65% of the 169 targets could not possibly be achieved without the engagement of local urban stakeholders. A VLR is a tool to demonstrate how local actions are leading the way in equitable and sustainable transformations for people and building a coalition of partners towards this endeavour.

> As the first city in India to join the growing global movement on localisation of Sustainable Development Goals, Bhopal's drive should encourage other Indian cities to tell their own stories

While it is desirable to align a city's VLR to the State-level action plan (where available) and the country's VNR, the process allows a great deal of flexibility to the cities to tell their story within a framework of their choice. The cities could choose their priority for the VLR process, articulating it either in terms of a quantitative assessment using various city level indicators relevant to the SDG targets or a narrative that describes the efforts and vision of the city. It may seem like a daunting task for Indian cities, particularly the non-metro urban local bodies, with limited capacity, resources, and disaggregated data to do a comprehensive VLR covering all SDGs. Therefore, a VLR does not have to be exhaustive in quantifying each of the 286 indicators under India's NIF, which translate the global targets under the 17 SDGs into local indicators at the national level. Cities may choose specific SDGs for a detailed review as per their priority and logistical comfort. While doing so, they may adapt and further localise the national indicators under the relevant SDGs to reflect the city level realities. Globally, many cities choose to align their review with the SDGs that are taken up for detailed review by the HLPF in its ongoing cycle.

The Bhopal plan

Bhopal's VLR is the result of a collaboration between the Bhopal Municipal Corporation, UN-Habitat, and a collective of over 23 local stakeholders. It has mapped 56 developmental projects to the SDGs across the three pillars, of 'people' (SDGs 1,3,4,5), 'planet' (SDGs 6,13,15) and 'prosperity' (SDGs 7,8,11). The objectives of building basic infrastructure and resilience emerge as a priority for the city from the number of projects mapped to the SDGs.

The in-depth quantitative assessment of city-level indicators under SDG 11 (Sustainable cities and communities) records Bhopal's stellar performance in solid waste management practices, public transportation, and open spaces per capita. However, the analysis also points to areas where the city needs to work much harder in the coming years to close the distance from the goals: provisioning of adequate shelter, high levels of air pollution, city planning capacity, and even distribution and accessibility of open spaces.

The Mayor, Malti Rai, recognised the significance of a VLR for the city and led the efforts to engage people as part of the process.

Other examples

Does a VLR necessarily have to be the prerogative of a local government? Not quite. It represents people's process, and any city-level stakeholder may take the initiative as long as the VLR is done within the overarching framework of Agenda 2030. A case in point is the city of Canterbury in the United Kingdom where some residents and local groups came together to form a "spontaneous coalition" that did the VLR. This coalition petitioned the local governments to work with city-level groups to advance the SDGs, and the latter merely served as an interlocutor in the VLR process. Closer home, in the global South, we have the examples of local governments in Dhulikhel (Nepal), Singra (Bangladesh), and Amman (Jordan) that worked in a similar context as that of Indian cities to publish their VLRs in 2022.

It is a remarkable opportunity for Indian cities to tell their stories in their own vocabulary, using a framework of their choice to forefront their work at a global platform. We hope more Indian cities will follow Bhopal's lead, to showcase urban innovations and collaborations emerging from India on the global map.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Integrated system

I write this letter as an ayurveda physician, a Homi Bhabha Fellow and visiting scholar at the Indian Institute of Science. There is no factual basis for the denigrating remark made by senior consultant and clinical scientist Cyriac Abby Philips (Opinion page – 'Parley', May 19) that ayurveda is a "pseudoscience" and that it has nothing valuable to offer. In fact, ayurveda marks the historic switch from faith-based medicine (*daiva-vyapashraya*) to its reason-based variant (*yukti-vyapashraya*). It is an ancient science that developed when the methods of evidence collection and statistical reasoning were still nascent. Therefore, what is needed is to subject ayurveda's theories and practices to an evidence-based appraisal so that the best of it becomes usable, safely and effectively.

A strict scientific attitude along with a sympathy for traditional knowledge bases are both required in approaching ayurveda. An approach bereft of the former leads to outdated science masquerading as traditional wisdom; and that bereft of the latter leads to a hasty undermining of valuable medical experience.

Dr. G.L. Krishna,
Bengaluru

It may not be possible to subject alternative medicine to the rigour of modern medicine, but alternative medicine has its place in treating select forms of human suffering. In the U.S., it has been long accepted that what they do to treat and heal "involves more than just medications and procedures". Research has shown that mind-body approaches reduce stress and improve mood and immunity. People want natural, safer remedies. Modern medicine, too, has its share of limitations even after all the care and rigour of clinical trials. One of the biggest problems in health care is that the pharma giants have tremendous influence in how medicine is to be practised. Alternative medicine lacks this clout.

H.N. Ramakrishna,
Bengaluru

WMO annual update

It is time the international community, particularly the developed world, rose to the occasion and delivered on its commitment regarding the transfer of green technology and funds to the poor and the developed world to cope with the challenges being posed by climate change.

M. Jeyaram,
Sholavandan, Tamil Nadu

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Kuki-Zomi organisations and leaders maintain that they have always been accorded step-motherly treatment. On the back of this grievance, the demand for a separate Kuki-Zomi administration has once again come to the fore. A poster in Churachandpur. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Manipur on the boil

The trigger for the violence of May 3 between the Kuki-Zomis and Meiteis may have been a Manipur High Court order, but the conflict between the two communities spans decades. **Abhinay Lakshman** reports on the concerns of these groups and the State's struggle to keep the peace in the valley and the hills

M.N. Haokip's Meitei landlord would often joke with him. "He would say, 'You just wait, we will wipe out Kukis from Churachandpur,'" recalls Haokip, an officer of the Government of India. Haokip would laugh off these comments. But no more. "Now, I've started to think about what this kind of thinking has done to us," he says.

Haokip was living in a rented flat with his wife and son in Imphal when violence broke out on May 3 between the Kuki-Zomis and Meiteis. He rushed back from work and hid in the house of the director general of police (DGP). He was joined by his family and a few government officers belonging to the Kuki-Zomi community.

Days after the ethnic clash in Manipur, the remnants of that dark night are everywhere. Imphal is dominated by the Meiteis. Neighbourhoods where the Kuki-Zomi people, mostly Christians, live wear a deserted look. Houses have been burnt down. Family portraits and birthday cards lie strewn around in the soot.

In the district's Paite Veng colony, the gates of homes have white sheets taped to them, which declare the last occupants as either Meitei or Kuki-Zomi. A Sanamahi flag flies atop a Meitei home, which stands next to the burnt home of a Kuki family. Sanamahism is the indigenous faith of the Meiteis. Two churches and a high school have been burnt down.

Fear lingers everywhere in the State, especially in Kuki-Zomi-dominated Churachandpur, the epicentre of the violence, 65 kilometres south of Imphal. Central Reserve Police Force personnel dot the main highway at 1-km intervals. Here, the rubble of Meitei homes lies at the fringes of some villages where the residents are predominantly Kuki-Zomi. All the Meitei villages on the edge of Churachandpur and Kangvai districts have been abandoned. Only a few dozen men have chosen to stay back. They have set up bunkers with gunny bags, and stand guard with their single-barrel or double-barrel rifles.

More than two weeks after violence broke out in Manipur, nearly 80 bodies have been recovered, according to official figures. Scores of people are injured and tens of thousands are internally displaced. Meiteis living in the hill districts continue to flee to the valley and the Kuki-Zomi people who had settled in Imphal are making their way to the hill districts.

Building tensions

Manipur has always had a majority of Meiteis, who were initially the rulers of the Manipur Kingdom. Leishemba Sanajaoba, elected to the Rajya Sabha on a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ticket in 2020, is the titular Maharaja of the Manipur Kingdom. The Meiteis comprise about 53% of the population (2011 Census). Most of them are Hindu or Sanamahi; a minority is Muslim. They have mostly lived in the Imphal valley. Around 41% of the State's population are Scheduled Tribes (ST), comprising Naga and Kuki-Zomi clans, who mostly follow Christianity and occupy the hill districts. As 90% of the State's landmass comprises the hill districts, less than 10% is occupied by the majority of the population residing in the valley.

The immediate trigger for the clash on May 3 between the two groups was a Manipur High Court order, giving a boost to the demand for ST status by the Meiteis. But tensions have been building up over the last 30 years, say residents of both communities.

Most Meiteis fall under the General category. A small section of them belongs to either the Scheduled Castes (SC) or Other Backward Classes (OBC). The Meiteis allege that the Kuki-Zomis have been trying to "increase their population" by facilitating illegal immigrants from Myanmar. "All the top officers, from the DGP to secretaries in the State government, are Kukis," says Sanasam Joykumar Singh, a Meitei leader associated with the Meitei Tribes Union (MTU).

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> **INDU BALA**
> Meitei resident of Churachandpur

A fringe group within the Meiteis has also come to the fore, emboldening the demand for separating the 'Old Kukis' from the 'New Kukis,' who they claim are the illegal immigrants.

On the other hand, Kuki-Zomi organisations and leaders maintain that they have always been accorded step-motherly treatment. "There are 40 Meitei MLAs in the State and only 20 tribal MLAs representing the hill districts. Of the 20, only 10 are Kukis. This Assembly passes a Budget allocating nearly 90% of resources to the valley and the rest to the Hill Areas. This has consequences," says Dr. J. Haokip, a pastor and community leader in Churachandpur who runs a boarding school for orphans.

On the back of this grievance, the demand for a separate Kuki-Zomi administration has once again come to the fore. It is being pushed by 10 Kuki MLAs, seven of whom are from the ruling BJP. In Churachandpur, the residents have crossed out 'Manipur' from State government offices and rechristened landmarks as 'Lamka.' This was what the area was called before it was named after Maharaja Churachand of Manipur.

The immediate trigger

A week after the Manipur High Court order on ST status for the Meitei people, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh was set to inaugurate a gym in Churachandpur on April 27. Kuki-Zomi outfits gathered in the district to protest against the government's survey on reserved forests and the eviction of the Kuki-Zomi people from these forests. The protests turned violent and the gym was set on fire. The government imposed Section 144 and suspended Internet services for five days.

A horde of Meitei youth in black T-shirts, part of an outfit called the Armabai Tenggol, waited at the border of the district. The outfit claims to protect Meitei culture and the indigenous customs of Sanamahism, and preserve the State's forest heritage.

After the April 27 protest, the All Tribal Students' Union Manipur called for a solidarity march on May 3 opposing the ST demand of the Meiteis. "But on the night of May 2, we got calls from Kangpokpi district," says Haokip. Kangpokpi, too, is mostly occupied by Kuki-Zomi villages. "Members of Arambai Tenggol had gone there and were asking passersby if they were Kuki. They were preventing them from going into the hills, and panic spread."

The vandalised shops and houses belonging to the Meitei community in Kuki-Zomi-dominated Churachandpur district of Manipur. RITU RAJ KONWAR

As the rally concluded on May 3 in Churachandpur, reports of attacks on Meitei homes on the borders of the district trickled in. Then news followed of Meitei mobs trying to burn down the arch of the Anglo-Kuki war memorial. Following this, the rally in Churachandpur, too, turned violent. The first targets of arson were the offices of the Forest Department and Transport Commissioner. Within half an hour, as Meitei and Kuki-Zomi mobs clashed in Churachandpur, Meitei mobs, suspected to be of Arambai Tenggol, began wreaking havoc in the tribal neighbourhoods of Imphal. While suspected mobs of Arambai Tenggol looted weapons from government offices in Imphal, Kuki-Zomi groups in Churachandpur did the same, say officials.

'I can never go back to Churachandpur'

The main bazaar in Churachandpur is deserted. Meitei-owned stores have been burnt down. Stores that have been left untouched belong either to the Kuki-Zomis or to mainland settlers such as Punjabis, Bengalis and Marwaris. The doors of the stores of the settlers have been marked by the Kuki-Zomis as "our own." There are posters all over town, which read, "This is tribal land. [It] does not belong to the Government of Manipur." Or: "SOS – Separation is the Only Solution." Graffiti on the walls call for a 'Zoland' or 'Kukiland.'

Sitting in the home of the village chief of Sidem in Churachandpur, Sei Haokip, a leader of the Kuki Students Organisation, says, "Near the Saiton bridge, we saw the State commandos first come in with tear gas weapons. I told them that we didn't want tensions. They fired the shells and the Kukis ran into the hills. Within minutes, the Meitei villagers burnt our homes down."

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> **SEI HAOKIP**
> Leader of the Kuki Students Organisation

Usually, the villagers in hill districts own licensed rifles. But a few months earlier, district magistrates in the State had directed all the villagers to submit their weapons to the government. "We had nothing to defend ourselves when they came," Haokip says. He phoned the local superintendent of police, he recalls. "All he said was, 'I cannot help. Take care of yourself.'"

On May 4, in Lailampat, a Meitei settlement in Churachandpur, 43 properties of the Kuki people were burnt down along with a church, Anganwadi centres, and other government buildings, says the village committee chief, Khupkholal Haokip.

At a church complex in Churachandpur, about 200 Kuki-Zomi-Chin families from seven villages have taken shelter after losing their homes to Meitei mobs. Dei Kho Chin recalls the night of May 3: "We saw people coming into the village in uniforms. I don't know if it was the police or just Meitei people disguised as the police."

Meiteis who fled the 16 *bastis* of Churachandpur after being attacked by mobs of the Kuki-Zomis allege that the State police force just stood by as they screamed for help. G. Indu Bala says about 200 people ran towards her home to burn it down. "We somehow managed to take shelter in a neighbour's house before coming to a relief camp the next morning," she says.

Indu Bala is now at one of the 23 shelter homes set up by the local MLA. "As they were running around burning houses, they kept shouting 'Meiteis, come out! Where are all the Meiteis?' I don't think I can ever go back to Churachandpur. I cannot trust that I will be safe there," she says.

In the Meitei and Kuki-Zomi villages in Churachandpur, a few dozen men stand in front of each of these villages as guards. Villages of both communities have erected new gates to restrict access and dug up the roads so that armoured vehicles cannot cross.

Hospital sources in both Churachandpur and Imphal say that there were close to a hundred bodies in the morgues of both districts. Neither district has declared how many are dead on either side of the conflict. While Kuki-Zomi organisations say that there were 20 confirmed dead at the district hospital in Churachandpur, and 50 unconfirmed, hospital officials in Imphal say there were about 80 bodies in the morgues of the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences and the Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences.

"The bodies are being withheld until normalcy comes back. If we return the bodies now, it might lead to more violence," says an official amid apprehensions on both sides that the officials are fudging the number of dead. Both the Meiteis and the Kuki-Zomi people claim higher casualties on their side, alleging that the other community was the main perpetrator. Meiteis believe that the violence was carried out by members of militant outfits currently under the Suspension of Operations agreement, while the Kuki-Zomi people are certain that the state helped Meitei mobs to destroy their settlements.

Amidst this, the Naga tribes in Manipur have been conspicuously silent. Some Naga MLAs have even distanced themselves from their Kuki counterparts. Kuki MLAs have questioned this lack of support saying the Nagas were on their side in opposing the Meiteis' demand for ST status.

Trading charges

The Meitis are convinced that there is an increasing number of illegal immigrants in the hill districts. "Look at the rate of growth of Kuki villages in the hill districts. Illegal immigrants from Myanmar are being helped by their brothers and sisters here. And this is commensurate with the growth of poppy in these districts," says Thoiba Singh of the MTU. While data from the Narcotics and Affairs of Border wing of the Manipur Police show that more Kuki-Zomis are arrested in drug cases than members of other communities, there has been a rise in the arrests of Meitei and other community members too, in the last five years.

"The illegal immigration is obvious. 'New Kukis' are unable to understand and speak the Manipuri Meitei language because they are from Myanmar," alleges S. Joykumar Singh of the MTU.

Sei Haokip responds to this: "Kuki tribes comprise about 32 different clans who speak about 12 different dialects. We have always had our language. How can anyone say we are foreigners because we speak our own language?" He says his ancestors have lived on and off this land for generations now. But the Kuki-Zomi people have been at the receiving end of the state's hate for about six years now, Haokip alleges. He attributes the rise in this sentiment to the increased radicalisation of Meitei Hindus, which has led to the birth of outfits such as Arambai Tenggol and Meetei Leepun. "These outfits want to restore Manipur's greatness under the king's rule and protect the Sanamahi culture," he says.

The line between Sanamahi and Hindu Meiteis has never been thinner, he adds. Over 300 years, Sanamahi customs have been integrated with Hindu practices and rituals. A Sanamahi flag even flies atop the BJP headquarters.

"Meiteis are free to criticise the government or its policies, but when tribal people do this against policies like forest reservation and evictions, they are thrown into jail. When we don't have the chance to voice our opinions and we are demonised for trying to preserve our culture and language, how can we live together? How can we believe that the 'Meitei government' will stand with us," Haokip asks. The last straw, he says, was the demand for ST status by the Meitei people.

M. Manihar Singh Kongpal, a Meitei leader in Imphal, asserts that ST status alone will "level the playing field." He says, "We comprise the majority of the State's population and largely live exclusively in the valley region of Greater Imphal. Tribal people also settle in the valley for jobs, schooling, etc. But we are not allowed to buy land in the hills and settle there. How is this fair?"

As the embers of the fire continue to glow, security forces try to keep the peace.

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Hindenburg-Adani case: committee 'clears' SEBI

The Justice Sapre Committee said that the conundrum faced by the market regulator was due to a change in the legislative policy of SEBI under the FPI Regulations 2014 on the basis of a recommendation by a Working Group in 2018. As the law stands, FPIs need to only declare their "beneficial owner", and not the "last natural person above every person owning economic interest in the FPI", in conformation with the anti-money laundering law.

"In 2018, the very provision dealing with 'opaque structure' and requiring an FPI to be able to disclose every ultimate natural person at the end of the chain of every owner of economic interest in the FPI was done away with," the report observed. It said that for the SEBI to put to rest its suspicions, its investigation would require information about the "ultimate economic ownership" – and not just the "beneficial owners" – of the 13 overseas entities under its lens.

No abusive trading pattern

On the issue of price manipulations, the report said that in the case of Adani stocks, 849 alerts were generated by the trading system. These alerts were considered by the stock exchanges in four reports to SEBI. Two of these reports were well before the Hindenburg report and two were after January 24, 2023. However, no pattern of "artificial trading or wash trades" were found..

RBI to pull out ₹2,000 notes from circulation

"Deposit into bank accounts can be made in the usual manner, that is, without restrictions and subject to extant instructions and other applicable statutory provisions," the RBI said. For operational convenience and to avoid disruption of regular activities of banks, exchange of ₹2,000 notes into banknotes of other denominations can be made up to a limit of ₹20,000 at a time at any bank, starting from May 23. To complete the exercise in a time-bound manner and provide adequate time to the members of the public, all banks have been directed to provide deposit and/or exchange facility for ₹2,000 notes till September 30.

The RBI has issued separate guidelines to the banks. The facility for exchange of ₹2,000 notes up to the limit of ₹20,000 at a time will also be available at the 19 Regional Offices of the RBI having "Issue Departments" from May 23. Banks have been asked to stop issuing ₹2,000 notes with immediate effect.

"Members of the public are encouraged to utilise the time up to September 30, 2023 to deposit and/or exchange the ₹2,000 notes," the RBI statement added. The printing of ₹2,000 notes was stopped in 2018-19.

SC defers scientific survey on '*Shivling*' at Gyanvapi mosque

The Centre and the U.P. govt. agree to the plea for adjourning the survey of the disputed structure; Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta raises concern that the exercise may cause some damage to it

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday deferred the implementation of a direction given by the Allahabad High Court on May 12 to conduct carbon dating and scientific survey of the '*Shivling*' allegedly found on the Gyanvapi mosque premises in Varanasi.

A three-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud said the "implications of the May 12 order would require closer scrutiny". The carbon dating and scientific survey of the disputed structure was supposed to be held on May 22. The apex court ordered the exercise to be put on hold till the next date of hearing before it.

The Bench passed the order on a petition filed by the Anjuman Intazamia Masjid Varanasi, the mosque's caretakers, represented by senior advocate Huzefa Ahmadi, against the High Court order.

Site of contention: The mosque's caretakers had appealed against the High Court order. FILE PHOTO

Court's suggestion

"Solicitor-General, would you like to take instructions on this... let us examine it a little carefully," Chief Justice Chandrachud addressed Mr. Tushar Mehta, who was appearing for both the Centre and the State of Uttar Pradesh. The law officer agreed with the court's suggestion, highlighting the implications that may follow if the carbon dating and scientific survey happened to inadvertently "damage" the structure in question.

"My concern as an officer of the court is if by doing the exercise, there is some damage caused to the structure, which one side says is a '*Shivling*' and the other side says is a fountain, whatever it may be... we will have to see how it can be done. Your Lordships, we will await your adjudication on this issue," Mr. Mehta said.

Advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain, appearing for the Hindu women who were the plaintiffs in the suit claiming right to worship the '*Shivling*', said the High Court's order was based on a 52-page report filed by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). He said the report had categorically stated that no damage would be caused to the '*Shivling*' during the scientific survey. "That the structure will not be damaged has already been taken into consideration," he submitted.

However, the Chief Justice told Mr. Jain, "Let the government consider the situation. They will obviously consult the ASI. Let the government also consider other options and the issues involved... These are matters the government has to tread a little carefully about."

Effort to spin panel's findings as clean chit to Adani bogus: Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The findings have actually made the case for a JPC probe stronger, says Jairam Ramesh

The effort to 'spin' the findings of the Supreme Court-appointed expert committee on the Hindenburg-Adani matter as a clean chit to the Adani Group is "wholly bogus", the Congress said on Friday.

In a statement posted on his Twitter handle, Congress general secretary (communication) Jairam Ramesh said the findings had actually made the case for a joint parliamentary committee (JPC) probe stronger.

"Contrary to the boasts of the [Narendra] Modi government, the committee has found that regulations have moved in direction of opacity that facilitates the disguise of ultimate beneficial ownership," Mr. Ramesh said. "Since no definitive conclusion can be drawn on the basis of information it had, the committee concludes that there has been no regulatory failure by the Securities and Exchange Board of India [SEBI]," Mr. Ramesh said.

The Congress leader also highlighted two excerpts from the report, which, he said, strengthen the case for a JPC. "(a) SEBI is unable to satisfy itself that the contributors of the funds to the FPIs are not linked to Adani" – which brings us back to the question of the unaccounted funds of at least ₹20,000 crore. (b) LIC was the largest net buyer of Adani securities with the purchase of 4.8 crore shares when the price shot from ₹1,031 to ₹3,859" – which raises the question on whose interest was LIC acting," Mr. Ramesh said quoting the report.

"We wish to say nothing more on the committee's report given the eminence of its members, except to say its conclusions were predictable...," Mr. Ramesh added.

SC back to its full strength of 34 as CJI administers oath to two new judges

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Friday administered the oath of office to Justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and K.V. Viswanathan, bringing back the court to its full sanctioned strength of 34 judges.

Justices Mishra and Viswanathan would replace Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and M.R. Shah, both of whom had retired earlier in May.

May 19 also saw the court bid farewell to Justices K.M. Joseph, Ajay Rastogi and V. Ramasubramanian, who are all retiring in June during the summer vacation. Friday was the last working day of the Supreme Court before it goes into recess until reopening on July 2.

Justices Mishra and Viswanathan were sworn in as judges in the presence of the full court in an auditorium filled with members of the Bar. The government had cleared their appointments in record speed. The Collegium had recommended them for appointment to the Supreme Court on May 16. The government's notifications were published on May 18 and coincided with the first day in office of the new Law Minister, Arjun Ram Meghwal.

New chapter: CJI D.Y. Chandrachud administers oath of office to senior advocate K.V. Viswanathan in New Delhi, on Friday. PTI

Justice Viswanathan would be in line to be the 58th Chief Justice of India in August 2030, succeeding Justice J.B. Pardiwala as top judge. He is also only the ninth lawyer to be elevated directly to the Supreme Court Bench.

Justice Mishra, who hails from Chhattisgarh, was the Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court before his appointment to the Supreme Court.

Independence of SC is integral to rule of law: Justice Joseph

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Retiring Supreme Court judge, Justice K.M. Joseph, said in his farewell address on Friday that the independence of the Supreme Court is integral to the democratic way of life.

"The independence of the Supreme Court is integral to the maintenance of a democratic way of life and rule of law. It is not very difficult for a nation which is a democracy having a Constitution to slip into chaos, into just the opposite of democracy," Justice Joseph said.

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> **JUSTICE K.M. JOSEPH**
> Retiring Supreme Court judge

'Guard the ethos'

The judge urged the Bar to guard the ethos of the Constitution and ethos of democracy.

Justice Ajay Rastogi, who is also retiring in June with Justices Joseph and V. Ramasubramanian, said the independence of a judge is not measured by whether he or she gives decisions which are anti-establishment. Judges arrive at decisions based entirely on the material before them.

"You make one statement against the government, everyone is happy... the media as well. This practice needs to change... I may decide pro or anti-establishment but what we decide we decide based on the material before us and to dispense justice. Justice is when you hear patiently.. give parties a chance to argue.. That is justice," Justice Rastogi said.

Not inviting President is an insult, says Opposition

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Not inviting President Droupadi Murmu for the inauguration of the new Parliament building is an insult to the President's office, Opposition leaders said on Friday, reacting to the announcement that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be inaugurating the building on May 28.

Congress general secretary (communication) Jairam Ramesh called the new building Mr. Modi's "personal vanity project". Tweeting a picture of Mr. Modi in the new Parliament, he said, "The sole architect, designer and worker for the new Parliament building, which he will inaugurate on May 28th. The picture tells it all – a personal vanity project."

All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen leader Asaduddin Owaisi pointed out that it is a violation of the established protocol.

Centre gives L-G final say on bureaucrats

Vijaita Singh
Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

The Union government on Friday brought an ordinance designating the Lieutenant Governor (L-G) as the administrator of Delhi, with the final say on the postings and transfer of all bureaucrats serving the Delhi government.

The ordinance, promulgated by President Droupadi Murmu, seeks to amend the Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi Act, 1991 and effectively negates the May 11 Supreme Court judgment that gave the Arvind Kejriwal-led Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government the power to make laws and wield control over bureaucrats deputed to the Delhi government.

The ordinance seeks to establish for the first time the National Capital Civil Service Authority (NCCSA), which will be headed by the Chief Minister of Delhi, with the Chief Secretary and Principal Home Secretary of Delhi as its other two members. "All matters required to be decided by the Authority shall be decided by majority of votes of the members present and voting," read the ordinance, issued by the Union Law Ministry.

The authority will decide the transfer, posting and vigilance matters of all Group A officers and DANICS officers posted in Delhi through majority votes.

SC calls for records of ex-MP's remission

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday directed the Bihar government to produce the original records that led to a decision by the State to remit the life sentence of former MP Anand Mohan in the murder of Gopalganj District Magistrate and IAS officer G. Krishnaiah in 1994.

The order to call for the original records came on a petition filed by Krishnaiah's widow. Senior advocate Siddharth Luthra, who represented her, urged the court to examine the records leading to the remission. Mr. Mohan was released from prison recently. "Do not politicise the issue. We are only examining the rules and orders. We are on the legal aspect," a Bench led by Justice Surya Kant remarked orally while declining an intervention application.

Calcutta HC stays order terminating teachers' jobs

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

The Calcutta High Court on Friday passed an interim stay on an earlier order terminating the jobs of around 32,000 primary teachers in West Bengal till September 2023 or until further orders, whichever is earlier. Earlier this month, the court had directed that jobs of about 36,000 teachers be terminated. Later, the number was revised to 32,000.

The Division Bench of Justices Subrata Talukdar and Supratim Bhattacharya observed that the termination without giving a chance of meaningful right of defence to the affected parties requires judicial intervention. It ordered that the board would, however, conduct the selection exercise as directed by the single Bench within three months.

Portfolio shift is only a matter of new responsibility: Rijiju

Jacob P Koshy
NEW DELHI

Minister Kiren Rijiju, who took charge as Minister of Earth Sciences on Friday, said that he didn't view being shunted out of the Law Ministry as "punishment" for his often-strident stance against the judiciary.

In a surprise move, Mr. Rijiju on Thursday was replaced by Arjun Ram Meghwal as Law Minister and assigned the Earth Sciences Ministry portfolio. Since his appointment as Law Minister in 2021, Mr. Rijiju's tenure was marked by frequent criticism of the judiciary - especially on the current division of powers that leave little room for the government to influence judicial appointments.

After taking charge on Friday, he responded to a question in Hindi from a reporter who asked, "Minister, where do you think you went wrong in the Law Ministry?" The Minister retorted, "Why do you think this is due to some mistake I made? It's just a matter of the Prime Minister in his wisdom allocating responsibilities to different Ministers and shouldn't be viewed in any other way."

Kiren Rijiju

When pressed further he said he was keen on focusing attention to his new responsibilities at the Earth Sciences Ministry.

CBI summons Abhishek Banerjee in job scam case

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday issued summons to Trinamool Congress general secretary Abhishek Banerjee in connection with a case registered by an agency in West Bengal school job scam. The CBI has asked Mr. Banerjee to appear before the agency's office in Kolkata on Saturday.

Responding to the summons he said that "he will give full cooperation during the course of the investigation". "I have received a summons from the CBI to appear before them tomorrow, on 20th May '23 for examination. Despite not being given even a day's prior notice, I will still abide by the summon. I will give my full cooperation during the course of the investigation," he tweeted.

Oppn. takes swipe at demonetisation, asserts it was failure

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Shall not be surprised if the ₹1,000 note is re-introduced, says P. Chidambaram

Opposition leaders across the political spectrum argued that the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) decision to withdraw ₹2,000 notes from circulation proves their point that the November 2016 Demonetisation was a 'failed exercise'.

Former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram took to Twitter to argue that demonetisation has come full circle. "A few weeks after Demonetisation, the government/RBI were forced to re-introduce the ₹500 note. I shall not be surprised if the government/RBI re-introduced the ₹1,000 note as well," Mr. Chidamabaram said on Twitter.

The official handle of the All India Trinamool Congress (AITC) tweeted, "@BJP4India demonetised ₹500 & ₹1,000 notes in 2016, disrupting the lives of Indians everywhere! They claimed that the introduction of ₹2,000 note would curb the flow of black money". "7 years later, they are withdrawing it from circulation. Yet another MODINOMIC masterstroke?" asked the AITC.

CPI (M) General Secretary Sitaram Yechury tweeted, "RBI's reversal of Modi demonetisation is a vindication of what we said in 2016".

Aam Aadmi Party leader (AAP) and Delhi government Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj said that he hoped that the latest decision was taken by experts.

‘Mood for change not restricted to Karnataka’

Nationalist Congress Party president says differences among non-BJP parties can be sorted out once the goal of defeating the incumbent is achieved in 2024; stressing the importance of dialogue, he says he is in touch with leaders across the country and plans to attend a meeting of the Opposition that is being planned in Patna

INTERVIEW

Sharad Pawar

Varghese K. George
Abhinay Deshpande

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar (82) has been in politics for over six decades and is preparing for the next Lok Sabha elections. The NCP patriarch calls out the BJP for damaging secularism and centralisation of power and is confident that there is a desire among all Opposition parties to unite and take on the BJP in the upcoming Lok Sabha election in 2024. Edited excerpts from his first interview after he announced his decision to quit as the party’s national president on May 2 and withdrew it three days later.

How do you see the outcome of the Karnataka election?

I was expecting this. The mood of the people was for change. And certain issues like corruption, inflation and unemployment had affected the people badly under the BJP. That is why I was expecting it.

It is an encouraging development for you in Maharashtra also?

This mood for change is not restricted to Karnataka, it is in most of the States. If you see the country... in Kerala no BJP, in Karnataka no BJP, in Andhra Pradesh no BJP, in Telangana no BJP. In Goa, there was no BJP, though they managed to capture power... In Maharashtra, a group of MLAs of Uddhav Thackeray deserted, and the BJP came into power here. Yes, in Gujarat they have a definitive presence but in Madhya Pradesh, there was the Kamal Nath government, and BJP successfully robbed the Congress party and then Shivraj Chouhan became the CM. Then if you come to Jaipur, no BJP, in U.P., yes, there is BJP. In Haryana, if you look at the situation inside, 100%, the BJP will lose in the next election. In Delhi, there is no BJP, in Punjab no BJP, in Rajasthan no BJP, in West Bengal no BJP, no BJP in Bihar. In Himachal, there is no BJP. In Assam yes. So, Assam, U.P., and Gujarat are the States where the BJP is in power by winning elections. BJP is in power in many places by robbing other parties. So, Karnataka is following the national pattern. The question is we have to see what happens in the Parliament election.

And the MVA has become stronger in the last one week in Maharashtra..?

We have to work together. So NCP, Congress and Uddhav Sena, have to go together. Definitely, Karnataka’s results have given us more confidence.

For NCP and Congress, what is the common ground with the Sena in MVA?

When Uddhav became CM, Congress was there, NCP was there. We decided on a Common Minimum Programme, which was the basis of our alliance and government. And we ran it well.

To be frank, there is no question of any ideological differences between Congress and NCP because both of them have Gandhi-Nehru ideology. As for Shiv Sena, there are things we need to know. When the Emergency was in place

Pragmatic leader: NCP chief Sharad Pawar. EMMANUAL YOGINI

and when Congress lost elections across the country, Balasaheb Thackeray supported Indira Gandhi. When no political leader could take such a tough decision, Balasaheb took it. In the Assembly election that followed, Balasaheb took the decision not to put a single candidate against Congress. After the election (in 1980) we came to power, – I was in Congress – we gave four seats to them (MLC seats to Shiv Sena). Even Balasaheb has worked with Congress, it is not that difficult.

Are you taking any initiative to talk to other Opposition leaders outside Maharashtra?

No, we are discussing. (Bihar Chief Minister) Nitish was here. I also had discussions with Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav. We talk. Nitish Kumar suggested we should sit in Patna, all non-BJP party leaders and discuss. I will go to Patna.

Looking at the pattern you described, you are confident that BJP can be beaten in 2024..?

I don’t know, but they should be defeated. There is a temple in Nashik, where a new controversy has been manufactured. There is a practice, of Muslim offering flowers and chaddar to the deity at a temple during Urs festival – they don’t enter the temple, but they offer from outside. Suddenly, someone started a campaign that Muslims were entering the temple and putting the chaddar on Lord Shankar. There is a video, in which you can see that the Muslims are just going up to the gate, but the Deputy Chief Minister (Devendra Fadnavis) has constituted a SIT. BJP workers brought water from Ganga and purportedly cleaned the area...It is just one example. So, it is in the national interest, that the BJP should be defeated.

In the last three days, suddenly, there are three communal riots in Maharashtra - Akola, Ahmednagar and Nashik. (Shevgaon in Ahmednagar district (clash over a procession) and Akola (clash over a social media post) witnessed severe communal violence for the past one week over.

About these rallies, there is a perception that the NCP and the Congress are mobilising the crowd and their leaders are upset that Mr. Thackeray is stealing the show...?

We have decided to go together. This is the relationship between all three, so, I don’t see any problem here.

Seat division among the three partners of MVA might become difficult, as all three have seats that they traditionally contested but are now difficult to get..?

There will be certain seats which we will insist on... But, all three will sit together and decide.

Will there be an equal sharing among the three partners?

We have not discussed this yet. A few days ago, we met at my home. We will discuss and decide how to distribute the seats.

Recently, (West Bengal Chief Minister) Mamata Banerjee and Akhilesh Yadav said that wherever Congress is weak, they should not contest, and support whoever is strong...

I’m a person, who thinks we have to sit together and discuss all these issues. These are their views I have also read this in newspapers. I have not personally talked to or heard from these leaders. But, we have to sit together.

Basically, it is my earnest desire that all parties come together, if there are certain issues, try to resolve them, and provide viable alternatives at the national level. I feel there are many leaders from different States and different parties. Some of them have personal interests or party interests.

I have the party’s interest. I have contested 14 elections and successfully won all the seats have contested, and for the past 56 years, I’m either in Vidhan Sabha, Lok Sabha, or Rajya Sabha. After getting such a long period, for me, I should try to let others lead.

So, you are indicating that you don’t have personal ambitions?

No, I have no personal ambition. My only ambition is to bring together parties and provide an alternative to the BJP.

In 2004 you were one of the key leaders who came together to form the UPA. Is the situation now comparable to what was in 2003?

At that time there was a leader like Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a thorough gentleman and there was the slogan, India Shining. There was a feeling among the Opposition that they have no future. So, a few of our colleagues said don’t worry, we will fight and see...We came to power, and I myself was in government which continued for 10 years.

In Maharashtra, there has been chatter about how the Centre is shifting projects to Gujarat...

Basically, those who are leading at the national level have to see all States equally and should have a national outlook. They have to treat every State equally and they can’t be biased.

What could be the main issues that will be raised against the BJP in the coming months?

When the head of the nation comes to a State and starts his campaigning by saying ‘Jai Bajrangbali and Bajrangbali ki jai’...? BJP is opposed to secularism. Corruption has reached unprecedented levels...People could connect with the “40 % commission” campaign in Karnataka. Unemployment, BJP’s hostility to minorities..these are all issues.

You resigned as NCP president and then decided to continue...

I was thinking about it for almost a year..that I had to stop somewhere. As I said, 56 years in Parliament and Assembly. I said I would resign but work for the party. I have to accept that my judgement had gone wrong. I thought I would convince, but I could not.

NCP leader Ajit Pawar is reportedly very friendly with the BJP?

He is not friendly with BJP. BJP is using all types of tactics, and all agencies to attack Opposition.

He is the Leader of the Opposition, and it is the BJP that is spreading all rumours. He will never go with the BJP.

Do you think Uddhav Thackeray will retain the popular support of the Shiv Sena?

MLAs have deserted Uddhav, but not Shiv Sainiks. Sainiks are eager to teach those who deserted him a lesson.

You came out in support of industrialist Gautam Adani who is being questioned by the Congress?

We have certain important projects in the State. The Dharavi slum redevelopment project. It’s a big project and providing pucca houses for the weaker section. His company is generating power since 2002, his company runs Mumbai airport and the tender has gone to him and work has started. There are ports and other infra projects...

(For full interview, visit bit.ly/pawarncp)

Modi to meet Zelensky during G-7 summit

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to meet with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Saturday on the sidelines of the G-7 summit in Hiroshima, sources said. The indication of the meeting came soon after Mr. Modi left for Japan starting a three-nation tour that will include Papua New Guinea and Australia apart from meetings in Hiroshima.

In a separate pre-departure statement, Mr. Modi thanked members of the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) who will participate in the forum’s third summit in Papua New Guinea on May 22.

In an interview with *Nikkei Asia*, Mr. Modi said that he would “amplify the voices and concerns of the Global South” at the G-7 meetings.

“I will emphasise India’s role as a reliable partner in addressing these challenges,” he said.

Border issue

Mr. Modi also said that India is fully prepared and committed to protect its sovereignty and dignity. Responding to questions over the India-China standoff in eastern Ladakh, Mr. Modi in an interview with the Japanese publication Nikkei Asia, also emphasised that peace and tranquillity on the border were essential for normal bilateral ties among the neighbours.

He also made it clear that “the future development of the India-China relationship can only be based on mutual respect, mutual sensitivity and mutual interests”.

He noted that “normalising” the ties would benefit the wider region and the world.

(With PTI inputs)

China, Turkey, Saudi, Egypt likely to skip G-20 meet

With just days to go for the G-20 Working Group meet on Tourism which is to be held in Srinagar, the government announced on Friday that China, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Egypt have yet to confirm their attendance, indicating that they are likely to skip the meeting. “A total of 60 international delegates have registered so far for the Third working group meeting to be held from May 22 to 24,” Union Tourism Secretary Arvind Singh said, briefing the media in Delhi. “A total of 17 G-20 member countries have confirmed their participation till now. Those who have still not registered are China, Turkey and Saudi Arabia.” The number of invited countries is nine, out of which only Egypt has not registered so far, Mr. Singh added.

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ROADS TRANSFORMATION PROJECT (HPSRTP)
Request for Expression of Interest Proposal

Name of Project: Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project (HPSRTP)
Loan No./Credit No. 9066-IN
Date: May 19, 2023

The Director (Project), HPRIDCL Nirman Bhawan, Nigam Vihar Shimla-171002, Himachal Pradesh India invites the Request for Expression of Interest Proposal from national consultants for the consultancy services as detailed in the table below:

Sr. No.	Description Services of the Consultancy	Date of availability of Detailed Request for Expression of Interest-cum- Request proposal/ Expression of Interest Proposal Document on HPRIDC web site	Last date/Time for submission of Proposals
1.	**Consultancy Services for Design and Development of Early Warning and Response System for the State of Himachal Pradesh under World Bank Funded HPSRTP**	**May 20, 2023** (Request for Expression of Interest Proposal document)	**June 19, 2023 at 1500 hours (IST)**

Note: Any further addendum/Corrigendum to this Request for Expression of Interest-cum-Request for Proposals/Request for Expression of Interest Proposal Documents shall be available to all interesting firms on official web site of HPRIDC under http://himachalservices.nic.in/hpridc/HPSRTP.html. link.

Director (Projects),
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Government of Kerala
TENDER
FOREST & WILD LIFE DEPARTMENT

Window No:iprd 23/e 120 • Tender No.A2-3873/2022 • Divisional Forest Officer, Timber Sales Division, Perumbavoor, Mudikkal P.O-683547, Phone-0484-2522219 • E-auction of timber on 06/07,14/07,24/07,01/08,08/08,17/08,24/08/2023 from Chalakudy, veettoor, Mudickal, Chettikulam & Varapuzha depots of Timber sales division, Perumbavoor • PAC : 2 Crore.

Full details on Tender Advertisement apperaed above are exhibited before the Office from which the tender originates.For Details on all Tenders above please visit notice board.kerala.gov.in/tender.Please put in search the Window No for getting the advertisement of your choice. **R.O. No. 67/G2/2023/PRD.**

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, संभाग द्वितीय जोधपुर
(मुख्यालय बाड़मेर)

क्रमांक - 286-306 दिनांक :- 11/05/2023

अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या: 02 वर्ष 2023-2024
NIB No. PWD2324A0446

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DIPR/C/7126/2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
(SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT NOS 1, 2 AND 4 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION VIDE COURT ORDER DATED: 11/04/2023)

RP NO.140/2017
(VIDEO CONFERENCING / PHYSICAL HEARING)

PETITIONER VS RESPONDENTS
KARNATAKA STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION VS SMT. VIMALA KEDIA AND OTHERS

TO,
RESPONDENT NOS. 1,2 AND 4

1. SMT. VIMALA KEDIA,
W/O. LATE RAMOTHAR KEDIA,
AGED ABOUT 67 YEARS,
R/AT NO.5/2, 2ND CROSS,
NANJAPPA ROAD,
SHANTI NAGAR,
BANGALORE – 560027
2. SMT. RENU KEJRIWALA,
D/O. LATE RAMOTHAR KEDIA,
AGED ABOUT 41 YEARS,
R/O NO.Z-202,
SIDDHARTHA APARTMENTS,
M.P. ENCLAVE,
NEW DELHI - 110001,
3. SRI. ASHISH KEDIA,
S/O LATE RAMOTHAR KEDIA,
AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS,
5/2, 2ND CROSS,
NANJAPPA ROAD,
SHANTI NAGAR,
BANGALORE – 560027 ... RESPONDENT/S

Whereas the above named Petitioner has filed a RP on this Court Under Order - 47-Rule-1 r/w Section 114 of CPC, as in the copy annexed hereunto.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this Court in person or through an Advocate duly instructed or through some one authorized by law to act for you, in this matter on **05/06/2023 at 10:30 A.M** in case you intend to contest the Petition. If you fail to appear, the petition will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this the 11th Day of April 2023

By order of the Court
Assistant Registrar

KSITIL KFON
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited (KSITIL) for and on behalf of KFON Limited invites Tenders under two cover bid system (Bid I: Prequalification & Techno Commercial bid and Bid II: Price Bid) from eligible contractors for the following work under KFON project.

Name of the work: Providing Internet Leased Connectivity at KFON NOC, Infopark, Kakkanad, Kochi

Last date for submission of e-tender: 03:00 pm on 06/06/2023. Tender documents and tender schedule may be downloaded from the e-GP website **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

Date: 20/05/2023 **Sd/- Managing Director**
Trivandrum **Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited**
RO/01178/D3/2023/I&PRD

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Name of the work: Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of ISP hardware, Software, and license

Last date for submission of e-tender: 03:00 pm on 08/06/2023. Tender documents and tender schedule may be downloaded from the e-GP website **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

Date: 20/05/2023 **Sd/- Managing Director**
Trivandrum **Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited**
RO/01179/D3/2023/I&PRD

THRISSUR CORPORATION
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PW2-17409/2018 Date : 18.05.2023

1. PW1-34870/23 Inviting EOI for Installation of Automated organic waste composting Machines in Thrissur Corporation.
2. PW1-34870/23(A) Inviting EOI for Installation of Automated Heating System Biogas to CNG Convertor plant in Thrissur Corporation.

Last date of submitting EOI 26.05.2023, 4 PM

(Sd/-) Superintending Engineer
Thrissur Corporation

V. Ramalingaswami Bhawan,
Ansari Nagar, Post Box 4911, New Delhi-110029 icmr

Computer Based Examination for ICMR Junior Research Fellowship-2023

NOTIFICATION

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in collaboration with Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh will hold national level Computer Based test (CBT) for award of Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) for the year 2023, in Life Sciences/Social Sciences stream on **Saturday, 8th July, 2023** at **21** cities across the country.

Information bulletin/brochure, online application form and other details will be available at both PGIMER website: **http://pgimer.edu.in** and ICMR, New Delhi website: **www.icmr.nic.in**. Candidates may visit the websites w.e.f. **20.05.2023**. The last date for filling of online application is **18.06.2023**. Only online application will be accepted, no other mode of submission of application will be accepted.

PGI/RC/Advt./23/HR-000378 **Co-ordinator ICMR-JRF-2023 EXAM**

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AYURVEDA
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(Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India)
Jorawar Singh Gate, Amer Road, Jaipur-302002 (Rajasthan)
Website: www.nia.nic.in

VACANCY NOTIFICATION NO. 2/2023

Online Applications are invited for Direct Recruitments to 1 Post of Radiologist, 1 Post of Bio-Chemist, 1 Post of Clinical Registrar (Kayachikitsa), 2 Posts of Junior Secretariat Assistant, 2 Posts of Pharmacists, 2 Posts of Junior Medical Laboratory Technologist, 2 Posts of Nursing Officer, 18 Posts of Multi-Tasking Staff and for Deputation to 1 Post of Accounts Officer. These Posts are for NIA, Jaipur. All Details of the Posts are available in the Website of the Institute: **www.nia.nic.in** Online Application Filling will start from **25th May 2023**. The Last Date of Online Application Filling is **5th July 2023.**

Dated: 18-05-2023 **REGISTRAR**

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, संभाग -टोंक

क्रमांक- 446-56 दिनांक : 11.05.2023

अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या-05/ पीएमजीएसवाई/ 2023-24

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सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, संभाग- टोंक

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION
TENDER NOTICE NO. TBM-SG-CN-2023-24-01-OT DATED: 15.05.2023

For and on behalf of The President of India, The Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Tambaram invites e-tender for the following works:

Name of the work: Provision of Dual Detection Multi section Digital Axle Counter (MSDAC) between Chennai Beach and Chennai Egmore stations of Chennai Division in connection with Chennai Beach-Chennai Egmore 4th line work.

Item No.	Cash value in (₹)	Bid Security (EMD) (₹)	Last Date and time of submission of e-Tender through IREPS site
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	5,56,36,954.16	4,28,200.00	05/06/2023 upto 11:00 hrs.

(5) Cost of Tender Document (₹): NIL
(6) Period of Completion in month(s): Nine (9)
Tenderers can view full details of tender and submit their offer at the e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** of Indian Railways.
Tbe supply/work is subject to GST rules applicable from time to time.

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INBRIEF

Defence production value crosses ₹1 lakh crore

The value of defence production in FY 2022-23 has crossed the figure of ₹1 lakh crore for the first time ever, according to the Defence Ministry. "The value currently stands at ₹1,06,800 crore and it will go further up once the data is received from the remaining private defence industries," a Defence Ministry statement said. "The current value of defence production in FY 2022-23 is a rise of more than 12% over FY 2021-22, when the figure was ₹95,000 crore." Under the 'Make in India' push, there has been a lot of focus on increasing domestic defence manufacturing, encouraging private sector involvement as well as boosting exports.

Bombay HC grants relief to Sameer Wankhede till May 22

The Bombay High Court on Friday granted temporary relief to former Narcotics Control Bureau officer Sameer Wankhede by directing the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) not to take any coercive action against him till May 22 in a corruption and extortion case against him, after he gave an undertaking to appear before the CBI office on Saturday. Mr. Wankhede, an Indian Revenue Service officer who was posted at the NCB office in Mumbai, moved the Vacation Bench of the High Court on Friday, seeking protection from arrest in the case. However, he did not appear before the CBI after the Delhi High Court granted him protection till May 22.

Rahul to address rally in New York on June 4

Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's state visit to the United States in the third week of June, former Congress president Rahul Gandhi will address the first public rally at New York's Madison Square Garden on June 4. The public rally will cap his week-long tour of the U.S., that includes a talk at the Stanford University. According to sources, what set plans in motion was an invitation from Stanford professors Larry Diamond and Francis Fukhyama for a lecture and talk at the University scheduled for May 31.

Railways to run 380 trains to deal with holiday rush

In order to deal with the rush during summer holidays, the Indian Railways has sanctioned 6,369 trips, involving 380 special trains. In all, 1,770 more trips have been added this year. Last year, a total of 4,599 trips by 348 trains. The major destinations connected via special trains are Patna-Secunderabad, Patna-Yesvantpur, Barauni-Muzaffarpur, Delhi-Patna, New Delhi-Katra, Chandigarh-Gorakhpur, Anand Vihar-Patna, Visakhapatnam-Puri-Howrah, Mumbai-Patna, and Mumbai-Gorakhpur. In order to cater to the summer rush, all zonal Railways spread across the country have geared up to run special trips. The South Western Railway, catering mostly to Karnataka, is running a maximum of 1,790 trips this summer season, compared to 779 trips last year.

Even limited arsenic exposure can mar cognitive ability: study

It caused a reduction in grey matter in the brain and affected concentration in children and young adults, say researchers who worked with 1,014 participants from five regions across India

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Though it is well known that ingesting high levels of arsenic from contaminated groundwater in India has been linked to a range of ailments, a recent peer-reviewed study suggests that even low levels of arsenic consumption may impact cognitive function in children, adolescents, and young adults.

The research study, which is part of a bigger investigation into how a range of environmental and biological factors affect neurological and cognitive development in young people, also found that those exposed to arsenic had reduced grey matter (brain tissue that is vital to cognitive functions) and weaker connections within key regions of the brain that enable concentration, switching between tasks, and temporary storage of information.

A common strategy to prevent contamination is to encourage piped water access rather than groundwater extraction. FILE PHOTO

"Chronic exposure to arsenic could be creating a 'silent pandemic' affecting large portions of the global population," say the authors in the study published in the latest issue of the peer-reviewed journal, *JAMA Network Open*.

For their research, the scientists linked urine samples (to estimate arsenic exposure) performance in a battery of computerised tests (that evaluate cognitive function) and brain-images (that picturise various regions of the brain) of 1,014 participants from five regions across India.

Arsenic exposure, previous studies have shown, is particularly harmful to the poor.

However, a scientist associated with the study told *The Hindu* that the impact of arsenic in impairing cognition at an individual level was "limited". The effect was more pronounced when individuals were considered as part of a collective, the scientist said.

Mapping brains

"We didn't set out to investigate the link between arsenic exposure and brain function... it emerged from the C-Veda data. Going ahead, we'd like to more thoroughly investigate the degree to which arsenic affects the brain. We are also looking at the role of a host of other environmental factors, in separate studies, such as air pollution," Nilakshi Vaidya, clinical psychologist and lead author of the study, told *The Hindu* in a phone conversation.

Since the 1990s, both the Central and State governments in Bihar and West Bengal have sought to address arsenic contamination. A common strategy employed is to encourage piped water access rather than groundwater extraction and install arsenic removal plants.

NIA arrests two close aides of Khalistan Tiger Force's Dhalla

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

They were nabbed on their arrival at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport from Manila

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday arrested two wanted persons, who are close associates of Canada-based "individual designated terrorist" Arshdeep Singh Dhalla of the banned Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF), after they arrived at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport from Manila in Philippines, where they had been living.

The accused, identified as Amritpal Singh aka Ammy and Amritk Singh, belong to Punjab. In an early morning operation, the NIA arrested them soon after their flight landed. Non-bailable arrest warrants had earlier been issued against them by a special Delhi court in a case related to the unlawful and violent activities of banned organisations in India.

"They also have several criminal cases registered against them in Punjab. The NIA had registered a suo motu case on August 20 last year under various Sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA)," said an official.

The two accused were produced before a special court that sent them to NIA custody till May 27.

The NIA probe has revealed that the accused had entered into a criminal conspiracy to raise funds for the KTF and also smuggle arms, ammunition and explosives for it from Pakistan. They had been working for Arshdeep Singh Dhalla to promote violent criminal activities of the KTF in India.

The accused used to identify extortion targets and then threaten them.

Dhalla was declared a terrorist under the UAPA in January this year by through a notification issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Ram Navami violence: SC refuses to stay HC order

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday did not intervene in an order of the Calcutta High Court handing over the probe into incidents of violence during Ram Navami celebrations in West Bengal to the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

A Bench of Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud and Justices P.S. Narasimha and K.V. Viswanathan deferred the hearing in the case to a date after summer vacation. "We have not stayed the High Court order and will take up the matter after summer vacation in the month of July," the court said.

During the hearing, the West Bengal government said the HC had in its order referred to only one FIR related to the Chandan Nagar incident. "Assuming the High Court has referred to one FIR but all these incidents are part and parcel of the same transactions... there is enough material to refer it to the NIA," the court observed orally.

'This time, I had a dream team'

A broken spine or a broken auto-pilot did not deter Commander (retd.) Abhilash Tomy in his quest to complete the Golden Globe Race; the challenge had 16 participants from 11 countries

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Five years ago, he came back to India on a stretcher and went home in a wheelchair, having suffered life-threatening injury in the middle of the Golden Globe Race. On Thursday, Commander (retd.) Abhilash Tomy returned to India in triumph after creating history as the first Indian to complete the race, a solo non-stop circumnavigation of the globe without any modern technological aids, recreating sailing in the 1960s.

"This time, I had the dream team and it is because of them that I was able to do it," he told presspersons after being felicitated by the Navy on Friday.

He finished the GGR 2022 in the second place after a gruelling 236 days alone at sea in a sail boat. South African sailor Kirsten Neuschafer took the first spot, becoming the first woman to win the race.

Celebration time: Cdr. Tomy is the only Indian to complete solo, non-stop circumnavigation of the globe in 2012-13.

"Three weeks before the start of the race, my boat got damaged, and everyone thought I would be disqualified. But with the support of the team, I was able to fix it and get in the race," Cdr. Tomy said.

"I learned that I needed a good team to support me. So this time, I had exactly the team I had dreamt of. I had a fantastic designer from the Netherlands, who helped me set up the boat; a team manager from the U.S., along with my family and a brilliant sponsor," Cdr. Tomy added.

'Most innovative repair'

Cdr. Tomy sailed the last 10,000 miles after fixing a broken auto-pilot with a piece of wood from the anchor. "I think the toughest thing for me was when my self-steering broke close to Cape Horn... I remember I called my race organisers and informed about it to them. They, in turn, called my wife and told her that his second chance is over. Because a lot of people retired after their auto-pilot failed," he narrated.

"I immediately removed my toilet door, made a spear and fixed it but it also failed. Then, I took out a piece from the anchor and fixed it to the auto-pilot. From there, I sailed 10,000 miles. This was the most innovative repair I have done and I did not lose," he added.

The invitation-only race had 16 participants from 11 countries, and started on September 4, 2022 from Les Sables-d'Olonne in France.

Cdr. Tomy was unable to fulfil his long-cherished dream in the 2018 edition of the GGR when he suffered a severe back injury after the mast of his boat Thuriya broke, due to extremely rough weather and sea conditions.

To his credit, Cdr. Tomy is the only Indian to complete solo, non-stop circumnavigation of the globe in 2012-13 onboard the Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) *Mhadei*, covering 53,000 nm miles under sail.

HC upholds acquittal of Ajay Mishra in murder case

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

The Allahabad High Court on Friday upheld the acquittal of Union Minister of State for Home, Ajay Mishra Teni in the murder case of Prabhat Gupta who was killed in broad daylight in Lakhimpur Kheri in the year 2000. According to the police chargesheet, Mr. Mishra was the prime accused in the case but he was acquitted by the lower court in 2004.

The order for the acquittal was announced by the Lucknow Bench of Allahabad HC Justice Attau Rahman Masoodi and Justice Om Prakash Shukla who dismissed the Uttar Pradesh government's appeal against his acquittal by the trial court. The detailed order in the matter is awaited.

Prabhat Gupta, a student leader of the Samajwadi Party in Lakhimpur Kheri, was shot dead in a market and the police had booked four people for the murder, including Ajay Mishra Teni.

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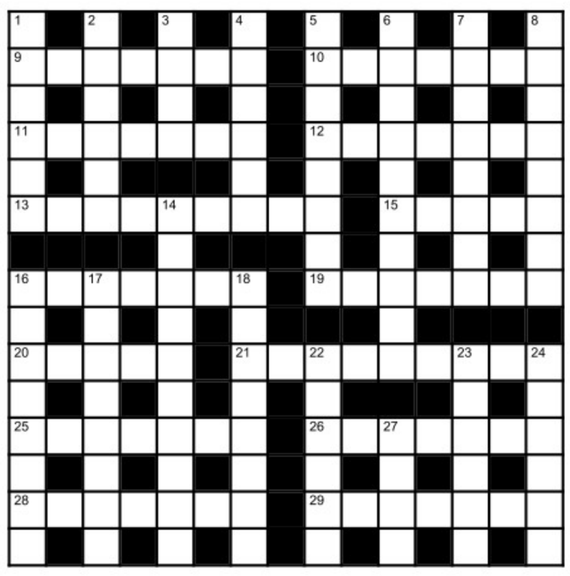

Across

9 Reach a church one day before (7)
10 Plant a crook in telephone exchange at the beginning (7)
11 Floating leaf is little, found on yard at home (4,3)
12 Intense listener at shelter (7)
13 Herb's girl - we eloped on vacation (9)
15 Betray great artist to guards (5)
16 Taint becomes paint if troy becomes volume (7)
19 Plant gets memory by constant working (7)
20 One is primarily evasive with Herb (5)
21 Stomach or another organ ingested small plant (5,4)
25 American helps to remove some seed at yard and plant (7)
26 Japan university agent returned to plant (7)
28 Takes care of power at academy and lets out (7)
29 In Japan, there's money in a type of grass and pepper (7)

Down

1 Roman Catholic girl cooking a flowering plant... (6)
2 ...a fruit to keep spirit around the sick (6)
3 Cavernous river originating at Panama (4)
4 Interfere in field Demonte set up (6)
5 After commencement, at Neverland, set up a plant (8)
6 Scrabble & Monopoly? Fed up they say, ladies it's good not dead (5,5)
7 Academics are drunk on daytime at institute (8)
8 Get rid of plane, perhaps, it's on a state of disrepair (8)
14 The sharp end is on pinkie fit to scoop out the middle and mutilate (10)
16 Wing in church, 28 assemble on time (8)
17 Discount provision for transport given by king's radical reform (8)
18 Say, philatelist hits boy because in the beginning(was) problematic (8)
22 Sailor caught in rush at base (6)
23 Gold is on a tree or plant? (6)
24 A small tower at the entrance of Tuticorin, old city on edge of Tamilnadu (6)
27 Negative votes? Na, yes without substance (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

The importance of a Guru

There comes a stage in life of devotees wherein they want to surrender to the Divine and remain blessed. There are many ways to accomplish this, but the best margam is through an Acharya or Guru. There is a Tamil saying, '*Mata, Pita, Guru, Deivam*' which clearly establishes the importance of a Guru. Even in the era of digital gadget gurus, only an Acharya well versed in scriptures can help one get the grace of Thayar, who then recommends to Perumal that He accept the devotee, said Dhamal Perundevi in a discourse.

A lotus always blooms with the sun shining on it in a pond, but the minute it is plucked and left outside the pond, the same flower wilts under the same sun. The lotus signifies jeevatma and only under an Acharya can it attain full bloom and reach Paramatma. In Daya Satakam, Sri Vedanta Desika says, "*Vigahe tirthabahulam Sitalam gurusantatim/ Srinivasa dayambodhi parivahaparamparam*; meaning: I bathe in the cool and refreshing streams, full of water which flow in uninterrupted continuity from that great reservoir which is the storage of Srinivasa's mercy, the streams constituted by the hierarchy of acharyas, in whom the Lord's grace flows. Srinivasa's karuna is a vast lake and from there rivulets descend upon acharyas, like footsteps in a lake.

One should always listen to an acharya's discourse, because it is like water to a parched devotee. No one can swim against the current safely if one wants to bathe. One has to navigate it one step at a time. Similarly, in order to gain God's grace, one can do so only through a guru, like how one goes down one step at a time, to bathe in a pond.

TEHRAN

Iran executes three persons linked to Amini protests from last year

AP

Iran executed three men convicted of violence against the country's security forces during protests triggered by Mahsa Amini's death in custody last year. They were convicted of "war against God", for drawing a gun during a demonstration in the city of Isfahan, leading to the deaths of three members of the security forces. AFP

NEW YORK

Rushdie says 'struggle continues' in first public appearance after attack

AFP

Salman Rushdie attended a New York gala on Thursday night in his first public appearance since a knife attack that nearly took his life last year. "Terrorism should not terrorise us. Violence must not deter us. The struggle continues," Rushdie proclaimed in French, Spanish and English, according to a PEN America press release. AFP

JEDDAH

Syria's Assad caps return to Arab grouping at Saudi-hosted summit

REUTERS

Arab leaders welcomed Syrian President Bashar al-Assad back into the fold at a summit in Saudi Arabia that also grappled with conflicts across West Asia and beyond. He called for a "new phase" in regional cooperation during the summit, which also featured a surprise appearance by Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky. AFP

MOSCOW

Russia bans entry to 500 U.S. nationals including Barack Obama

AP

Russia on Friday said it banned entry to 500 Americans, including former President Barack Obama, in response to sanctions imposed by Washington. On Friday, the United States added hundreds more companies and individuals to its sanctions blacklist as it broadened efforts to choke off Russia's economy over the Ukraine offensive. AFP

EU's top official wants more scrutiny on Indian products derived from Russian oil

While saying EU rules cannot be forced on other nations, Josep Borrell said that ahead of Ukraine invasion, the share of Russian oil in India's oil import stood at 0.2%; but last month, it rose to 36.4%

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

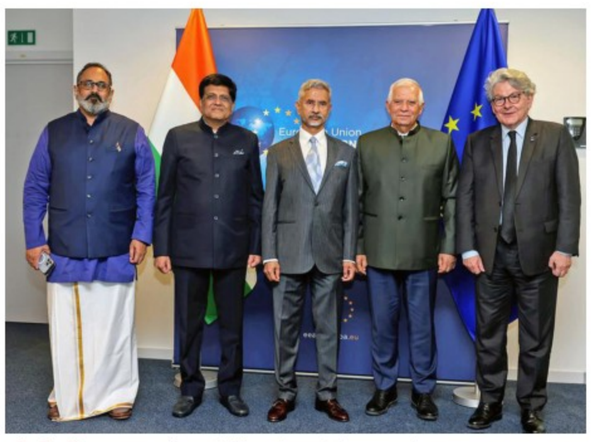
Days after saying the European Union (EU) had to curb the import of refined petroleum products from India, the EU's top foreign affairs and security official, Josep Borrell, suggested that EU entities buying refined products from India were primarily accountable for the leakage of Russian oil-based products into the EU.

Mr. Borrell's comments were published in his blog on Friday afternoon, titled, 'Some Clarifications on the Circumvention of EU Sanctions Against Russia'. The diplomat, however, said there was a "remarkable increase" in the amount of oil India was buying from Russia since before Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

'Rules apply only to EU'

"As EU, we don't want to buy Russia energy exports, because we don't want to finance its war against Ukraine. We also don't want to sell technological products and components that Russia needs for its war machine," Mr. Borrell wrote.

He made clear, however, that the EU's rules on trade with Russia were for EU entities but that other nations cannot be "forced" to comply with them as the sanctions were not extraterritorial.



Dissimilar notes: (from left) Union Ministers Rajeev Chandrashekhar, Piyush Goyal and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, meet with Josep Borrell in Brussels on Tuesday. ANI

"This week we also had a discussion on the specific issue of India's growing oil purchases from Russia and the growing exports to the EU of refined products that are most likely based on cheap Russian oil," Mr. Borrell said, describing the issue as a dilemma.

"...before Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the share of Russian oil in India's overall oil import stood at 0.2%. Last month, that share had risen to 36.4%," Mr. Borrell wrote, calling the increase "remarkable" but saying one cannot "blame nor question" India for this, as New Delhi is not subject to European laws.

The diplomat said that China was importing even higher volumes of Russian oil since a December 2023 oil price cap of $60 per barrel rolled out by the Group of Seven (G-7) advanced economies came into effect.

'Normal' reaction

Mr. Borrell emphasised a point he made earlier this week in a *Financial Times* interview, saying it is "normal" for India to make use of the opportunity to buy cheaper oil below the price cap.

However, he identified another issue: Indian refined petroleum products, made from Russian oil, entering the European market.

"Here again the facts are clear: the export of refined products like jet fuel or diesel from India to the EU has risen from 1.1 million barrels in January 2022 to 7.4 million barrels in April 2023," he wrote.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Mr. Borrell had held bilateral talks in Brussels on Tuesday.

At a briefing on Tuesday evening, Mr. Jaishankar told a journalist that as per European Council regulations, if Russian crude was "substantially transformed" in a third country, it was not treated as Russian anymore.

Moral issues

"We in the EU don't buy Russian oil, but we buy the diesel obtained by refining this Russian oil somewhere else... All [sic] this does also raise moral issues," Mr. Borrell wrote, quoting an economic adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky as saying actions by European companies which buy refinery products made from Russian oil and sell them in Europe are "completely legal, but completely immoral."

When he raised the issue of Indian exports of refined products based on Russian oil, it was not to criticise the Indian government, Mr. Borrell wrote, " but to say that we cannot close our eyes to how EU companies themselves are circumventing the sanctions".

He added that the EU first needs to look at its own economic operators and look for solutions on that basis .

"If Indian refiners are selling, that is because European companies are buying," Mr. Borrell said.

Pakistan officials hand over list of 2,200 'wanted' people to Imran

Press Trust of India
LAHORE

Authorities in Pakistan's Punjab province on Friday met ousted Prime Minister Imran Khan at his highly-fortified residence here to arrest "terrorists" reportedly hiding there and handed over a list of 2,200 suspects involved in the recent protests that targeted military installations and government buildings.

Mr. Khan, 70, was arrested by the paramilitary Pakistan Rangers at the Islamabad High Court premises on May 9, which triggered unrest across the country.

Imran Khan

A three-member delegation visited Mr. Khan, the chairman of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, at his Zaman Park residence and held a 90-minute meeting with him.

They handed the names of people involved in the attack on the Lahore Corps Commander House and Askari Tower and evidence was handed over to him.

Punjab Information Minister Amir Mir said Mr. Khan was handed a list of 2,200 "wanted people" involved in the attacks on military installations during the May 9 violence.

Mr. Mir claimed that people "in disguise" were caught fleeing Zaman Park on Thursday night.

"But no agreement was reached regarding a search operation," he said.

Later, addressing a press conference, Mr. Khan demanded evidence regarding his party's involvement in the May 9 violence, saying that if anyone from the PTI was involved, "I will help [the police] catch them".

On Friday, an anti-terrorism court here approved pre-arrest bail till June 2 to Mr. Khan in three terrorism cases filed against Pakistan's former Prime Minister in the wake of violence that erupted after his arrest on May 9.

U.S. to provide advanced jets, pilot training to Ukraine

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Joe Biden told G-7 leaders that Washington will support providing advanced warplanes including F-16s to Ukraine and will back efforts to train Kyiv's pilots, a senior White House official said on Friday.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, who is set to attend the G-7 summit in Japan, hailed the move as "historic".

Mr. Biden said the U.S. "will support a joint effort with our allies and partners to train Ukrainian pilots on fourth-generation fighter aircraft, including F-16s, to further strengthen and improve the capabilities of the Ukrainian Air Force," the official said.

The U.K., Belgium and the Netherlands welcomed the decision.

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Notice Inviting Tender **Date: May 18, 2023**

"Invitation of bids for grant of Mining Lease for Decorative Stone Mineral Blocks"

In exercise of the power conferred by Section 15 of Mines and Mineral (Development & regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Odisha Minor Mineral Concession Rule, 2016 and Odisha Specified Minor Mineral Auction Rule, 2019 as amended from time to time notified thereunder, the Government of Odisha has identified 12 (twelve) Decorative Stone Mineral Blocks as under for electronic auction and hereby invites bids for the purpose of grant of Mining Lease.

Accordingly, financial bids are invited in digital format only and technical bids are invited both in digital and physical format from eligible bidders.

Eligibility condition, date and time for participating in the electronic auction are provided in Tender Document. Detailed Tender Document along with the timeline, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process for the mineral blocks are available in electronic form only and can be downloaded from the website of MSTC Limited.

Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves on the above website. On successful registration, eligible bidders will obtain login ID and password necessary for participation in the e-auction process. Model Tender Document and Mineral Block Summary are available free of cost on the website of MSTC Limited.
(https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mmb/mmbod/index.jsp).

Last date for purchase of Tender Document after payment of a tender fee on website of e-auction platform provider is **Thursday, June 29, 2023,** and the last date for submission of the bid is **Friday, July 07, 2023**, on or before **17:00 hours** (Indian Standard Time). The price of tender document for each of the mineral block is Rs.50,000 plus applicable GST. GST is payable under the reverse charge mechanism and the Reserve price of all the 12 (twelve) Mineral Blocks is 5% (five percent).

List of Mineral Blocks for Auction

Sl. No.	Name of Block	Mineral	Details of Area (in Ha.)	Estimated Mineral resource (in Cubic Meter)
1.	Baharapada-Jamurhiha (East) Decorative / Dimension Stone Block	Decorative/ Dimension Stone	Forest Land : 21.620 Govt. Land : 31.687 Private Land : Nil **Total Concession Area : 53.307**	**12186698.24**
2.	Baharapada-Jamurhiha (West) Decorative / Dimension Stone Block	Decorative/ Dimension Stone	Forest Land : 38.763 Govt. Land : 24.871 Private Land : 0.183 **Total Concession Area : 63.817**	**10635255.65**
3.	Betarsing Decorative / Dimension Stone Block - A	Decorative/ Dimension Stone	Forest Land : 9.371 Govt. Land : 13.234 Private Land : 0.830 **Total Concession Area : 23.435**	**2256071.68**
4.	Betarsing Decorative / Dimension Stone Block - B	Decorative/ Dimension Stone	Forest Land : Nil Govt. Land : 14.813 Private Land : 0.563 **Total Concession Area : 15.376**	**340130.086**
5.	Damba Decorative / Dimension Stone Block	Decorative/ Dimension Stone	Forest Land : 4.435 Govt. Land : 2.865 Private Land : 2.681 **Total Concession Area : 9.981**	**679565.48**
6.	Derab (East) Decorative / Dimension Stone Block	Decorative/ Dimension Stone	Forest Land : 85.426 Govt. Land : 0.416 Private Land : 3.403 **Total Concession Area : 89.245**	**25188335.35**
7.	Derab (West) Decorative / Dimension Stone Block	Decorative/ Dimension Stone	Forest Land : 83.927 Govt. Land : 0.319 Private Land : 0.306 **Total Concession Area : 84.552**	**23274854.85**
8.	Jhadapada Decorative / Dimension Stone Block	Decorative/ Dimension Stone	Forest Land : Nil Govt. Land : 8.055 Private Land : 0.156 **Total Concession Area : 8.211**	**267399.486**
9.	Lausahi Decorative / Dimension Stone Block	Decorative/ Dimension Stone	Forest Land : 8.442 Govt. Land : 0.232 Private Land : 0.470 **Total Concession Area : 9.144**	**318048.484**
10.	Nuagan (Nuagad) Decorative / Dimension Stone Block	Decorative/ Dimension Stone	Forest Land : 6.178 Govt. Land : 10.862 Ha Private Land : Nil **Total Concession Area : 17.04**	**1035455.42**
11.	Nuagan (Tuburuba Mouza) Decorative / Dimension Stone Block	Decorative/ Dimension Stone	Forest Land : 1.397 Govt. Land : 9.620 Ha Private Land : Nil **Total Concession Area : 11.017 Ha**	**1379671.2**
12.	Tentulikhunti Decorative / Dimension Stone Block	Decorative/ Dimension Stone	Forest Land : 38.830 Govt. Land : 5.95 Ha Private Land : Nil **Total Concession Area : 44.780 Ha**	**6539280.91**

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Director of Mines & Geology, Odisha
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INBRIEF

Byju's denies charge it 'hid' $500 mn via U.S. entity Alpha

Bengaluru-based edtech firm Byju's has refuted the charge that it is hiding $500 million through Byju's Alpha, a non-operative U.S. entity set up to receive Term Loan B. The allegation came up at a court hearing in Delaware in the U.S., where Byju's Alpha faces a lawsuit on who should control the company. The litigants made claims that the edtech firm either hid or moved $500 million from Byju's Alpha, insinuating that these acts were somehow wrongful, Byju's said.

Va Tech Wabag posts ₹95 cr. standalone net loss in Q4

Water technology firm Va Tech Wabag has reported a standalone net loss of ₹95 crore for the quarter ended March against the year earlier period. Last year, the firm had posted a net profit of ₹32 crore. Revenue from operations grew 15% to ₹749 crore. The financials included exceptional loss of ₹243 crore pertaining to delay in recovery of receivables from TECPRO and from APGENCO due to project completion delays not attributable to the company, Va Tech Wabag said in a filing.

U.S. FDA approves Granules' copy of Venlafaxine capsules

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved drugmaker Granules India's abbreviated new drug application for Venlafaxine Hydrochloride Extended-Release capsules USP, 37.5 mg, 75 mg, and 150 mg. Bioequivalent to Upjohn US 2 LLC's Effexor XR extended-release capsules, the reference listed drug, the product is indicated for treatment of major depressive disorder, generalised anxiety disorder, social anxiety disorder and panic disorder.

Tax waived on annual forex spends up to ₹7 lakh: FinMin

Credit, debit card spends exceeding limit to be part of Liberalised Remittance Scheme, attract 20% tax from July 1, Ministry clarifies; rollback follows furore over the proposed levy among taxpayers

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The government on Friday walked back its plan to levy a 20% tax on overseas credit card spending from July 1, in the face of a furore among taxpayers and businesses, and decided to exempt any payments by an individual using their international debit or credit cards up to ₹7 lakh per financial year from the levy.

This was being done to remove "any procedural ambiguity" as "concerns have been raised about the applicability of Tax Collection at Source (TCS) to small transactions under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) from July 1," the Finance Ministry said in a statement.

Earlier, the RBI introduced a provision to bring overseas credit card spends under the LRS, which permits forex remittances of up to $2.5 lakh a year. The government had separately notified that such overseas spending would attract a 20% TCS, with a provision to adjust such levies against advance tax payments or seek a refund at the time of filing annual tax returns.

"Existing beneficial TCS treatment for education and health... will also continue," the ministry said.

Rollback mode

The Finance Ministry said tax collection at source will not apply to 'small transactions' under Liberalised Remittance Scheme

- Ministry says rollback being done to remove 'any procedural ambiguity'
- Existing beneficial TCS treatment for education and health to also continue
- Overseas payments up to ₹7 lakh a year for education, health are permitted with a TCS rate of 5%

RBI triples dividend, to pay ₹87,416 cr. as surplus to government

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday approved the transfer of ₹87,416 crore as surplus to the Union government for the accounting year 2022-23, or almost thrice the ₹30,307 crore transferred for the previous fiscal year.

The board also decided to raise the Contingency Risk Buffer to 6%, from 5.5% in the preceding year.

The RBI's board, which met in Mumbai under the Chairmanship of Governor Shaktikanta Das, approved the transfer after discussing the working of the central bank during the year April 2022 - March 2023.

"The Board in its meeting reviewed the global and domestic economic situation and associated challenges including the impact of current global geopolitical developments," the RBI said in a statement.

It also approved the Annual Report and accounts of the Reserve Bank for the accounting year 2022-23.

Deputy Governors Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael Debabrata Patra, M. Rajeshwar Rao, T. Rabi Sankar and other directors including Satish K. Marathe, Revathy Iyer, Sachin Chaturvedi, Anand Mahindra, Pankaj Ramanbhai Patel and Ravindra H. Dholakia attended the meeting.

Ajay Seth, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs also attended.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	61,730	0.48
US Dollar	82.67	-0.06
Gold	60,045	-0.04
Brent oil	75.71	0.06

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	1956.05	66.05
Adani Ports	688.10	23.15
Apollo Hosp	4447.15	5.15
Asian Paints	3084.45	-24.60
Axis Bank	924.05	9.35
Bajaj Auto	4483.20	-35.45
Bajaj Finserv	1415.10	-0.35
Bajaj Finance	6784.20	-5.20
Bharti Airtel	805.75	6.40
BPCL	360.30	-0.40
Britannia Ind	4499.85	-64.50
Cipla	916.25	1.75
Coal India	239.90	0.30
Divis Lab	3098.30	-55.20
Dr Reddys Lab	4391.95	-31.15
Eicher Motors	3570.90	-5.25
Grasim Ind	1716.10	10.40
HCL Tech	1095.35	15.45
HDFC	2710.95	-5.05
HDFC Bank	1646.90	1.90
HDFC Life	557.60	-3.95
Hero MotoCorp	2713.00	-22.15
Hindalco	406.75	0.25
Hind Unilever	2641.45	13.90
ICICI Bank	954.30	7.80
IndusInd Bank	1248.00	9.10
Infosys	1268.90	22.90
ITC	419.85	0.15
JSW Steel	693.85	1.80
Kotak Bank	1941.65	14.25
L&T	2190.05	1.85
M&M	1260.40	14.90
Maruti Suzuki	9105.95	52.65
NestleIndia	21690.15	10.55
NTPC	173.30	-1.80
ONGC	164.90	-1.45
PowerGrid Corp	233.70	-1.95
Reliance Ind	2441.95	7.90
SBI Life	1154.15	1.45
State Bank	575.15	0.95
Sun Pharma	925.85	-3.80
TataConsumerProduct	765.45	-10.85
Tata Motors	524.95	16.50
Tata Steel	104.65	-0.55
TCS	3222.85	23.00
Tech Mahindra	1072.15	23.45
Titan	2701.65	-20.20
UltraTech Cement	7681.30	77.15
UPL	668.00	-5.35
Wipro	386.20	3.60

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on May 19

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.46	82.78
Euro	89.01	89.35
British Pound	102.52	102.93
Japanese Yen (100)	59.66	59.90
Chinese Yuan	11.76	11.81
Swiss Franc	91.38	91.74
Singapore Dollar	61.27	61.52
Canadian Dollar	61.17	61.41
Malaysian Ringitt	18.17	18.25
Australian Dollar	54.83	55.05

Source:Indian Bank

Govt. plays angel over tax on start-up funding

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The government on Friday proposed changes to the angel tax introduced in the Budget on start-up investments from non-resident investors at a premium over their fair market value (FMV), and said investors like banks, insurers, sovereign wealth funds and SEBI-registered FPIs may be exempt from the tax.

In a bid to assuage industry concerns, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) also said that Rule 11UA under the Income Tax Act, that currently prescribes only two valuation methods for valuing shares for resident investors, would be amended to include five more valuation methods for non-resident investors.

Any valuation report from merchant bankers submitted not over 90 days prior to the investments in question would be accepted by the revenue department, with a 10% "safe harbour" variation permissible "on account of forex fluctuations, bidding processes and variations in other economic indicators", the CBDT said.

Price matching for resident and non-resident investors would be available for investments by Venture Capital Funds, it added.

GAIL to borrow up to ₹7,000 cr. for capex

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Gail India plans to borrow up to ₹7,000 crore in FY24 to fund the ₹10,000 crore capital expenditure plan for this fiscal, said chairman and MD S.K. Gupta.

The company's director of finance, R.K. Jain, said that given the present scenario in global finance, the borrowing would be done domestically and not in global markets.

Keeping in line with the SEBI mandate, a fourth of the borrowings will be in bonds while the rest will be bank borrowings, he said.

At present, the company's overall long-term debt

stands at ₹9,800 crore, and the new bank borrowings will be for a tenor of over five years. It is in the domestic market to raise a borrowing of ₹1,500 crore right now, he added.

Meanwhile, Mr. Gupta said GAIL had initiated legal proceedings against Gazprom for failure to supply LNG following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

'Aircraft shortage hinders airlines from capturing gaps left by Go First's woes'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A paucity of aircraft with various airlines in the country has resulted in their inability to fill the gap left by Go First's temporary suspension of flights, despite the government's efforts to nudge them to do so, according to Union Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia.

"Airlines are limited by the capacity of their fleet," Mr. Scindia told *The Hindu* on the sidelines of an event late on Thursday. He was replying to a question on whether the government had instructed airlines to add flights on routes left vacant by Go First.

Jyotiraditya Scindia

A senior ministry official said: "we always tell airlines to increase capacity. But there is no capacity due to delay in delivery of engines by Pratt and Whitney and other supply chain issues." He also told reporters that airlines had been asked to "exercise moderation" and "maintain some kind of balance" in terms of pricing of tickets.

There cannot be a situation where there is a big gap between the lowest and highest fare buckets, and passengers should not face exorbitant fares, the official said on the condition of anonymity.

Mr. Scindia also said that original equipment manufacturers must ensure timely delivery of aircraft. "We have surpassed the pre-COVID passenger traffic number of 4.25 lakh passengers [per day], and in an off season we have seen the figure reach 4.65 lakh. Today the key issue is... capacity, which is an international issue because of supply chain issues. Our airlines have put huge bulk orders, and we are desirous that these aircraft ordered by Air India and IndiGo come to our shores as soon as possible."

(*With inputs from Press Trust of India*)

CMS to make banking automation products

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

CMS Info Systems (CMS) announced the opening of its facility in Chennai to manufacture banking automation products.

The new unit in Ambattur will produce automated teller machines, cash recycler machines and self-service kiosks to support digital banking initiatives by banks and RBI. CMS said the unit has the capacity to produce more than 2,000 units a month.

SEBI moots tweaks to AIF rules to strengthen corporate governance

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

To strengthen corporate governance mechanism, capital markets regulator SEBI has proposed to amend the current rules governing alternative investment funds (AIFs).

Under the proposal, Category I and Category II AIFs should not borrow funds directly or indirectly or engage in leverage for the purpose of making investments, SEBI said.

AIFs can borrow for the purpose of meeting shortfall in drawdown while making investment in an investee company, subject to certain conditions.

Such borrowing by AIFs should be done only in case of emergency and as a last recourse, the amount borrowed should not exceed 10% of the investment proposed to be made in the investee company, and the cost of such borrowing should be charged only to such investor who delayed or defaulted on drawdown payment, SEBI said.

NLC India Q4 standalone net rises 76% to ₹774 crore

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

NLC India Ltd. (NLC) reported standalone net profit for the quarter ended March rose 76% from the year earlier period to ₹774 crore.

Revenue from operations rose 67% to ₹4,296 crore. The financials included an exceptional loss of ₹9 crore, the company said in a regulatory filing.

The board recommended a final dividend of ₹2 per equity share.

Sport

Jyothi-Deotale duo in yet another final

ARCHERY WC

Sports Bureau

Stage-1 gold winners V. Jyothi Surekha and Ojas Deotale again performed well to reach their second consecutive compound mixed team final at the Archery World Cup Stage-2 in Shanghai on Friday.

Jyothi and Deotale, members of the sixth-ranked Indian team, received a first round bye and beat Bangladesh 158-151 and Turkey 157-156. In a closely-contested semifinal, the Indian pair pipped its Italian rivals 157-157 (19*-19, shot closer to the centre) via a shoot-off.

India will meet top-ranked Korea in the final.

The recurve mixed team of B. Dhiraj and Simranjeet Kaur got a bye but lost to Indonesia 2-6 next.

Dhiraj shines

In recurve individual events, Dhiraj was the most notable performer among Indian men. He beat German Florian Unruh 7-3, Spaniards Miguel Garcia 7-1 and Daniel Castro 6-4 before falling 0-6 to Korean Olympic and World champion Oh Jin Hyek in the quarterfinals.

Atanu Das, Tarundeep Rai and Neeraj Chauhan lost in the first round.

Among women, Bhajan Kaur and Aditi Jaiswal fell in the second round, while Ankita Bhakat and Simranjeet exited in the opening round.

BCCI SGM to form Working Group for 2023 ODI WC

CRICKET

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

An internal Working Group for the hosting of the 2023 ODI World Cup, formation of Women's Premier League committee and ratification of the prevention of sexual harassment policy is on the agenda during the Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI's) Special General Meeting on May 27 in Ahmedabad.

Five-point agenda

The BCCI secretary's office circulated the notice of the AGM among its affiliates on Thursday. The five-point agenda specified in the notice, accessed by *The Hindu*, reads:

1. Formation of Infrastructure Development & Subsidy Committee.
2. Guidelines for appointments of physiotherapists and trainers in State teams.
3. Formation of Working Group for ICC World Cup 2023.
4. Formation of committee of Women's Premier League.
5. Ratification of Prevention of Sexual Harassment Policy.

With the World Cup likely to begin on October 5, the Working Group formation has been long overdue.

The group is likely to be tasked first with finalising the venues, which has been pending for long, for the marquee event and ensuring smooth conduct of the tournament.

The Women's Premier League Committee and the Infrastructure Development & Subsidy Committee are to be added to the list of BCCI's special and sub-committees.

As a result, the general body is required to appoint these committees.

It will be interesting whether the BCCI sets minimum qualification and/or experience criteria for the appointment of physios and strength and conditioning coaches for the State teams.

CAFA under-20 Championship to be broadcast on SportsCast's YouTube channel

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

SportsCast India will broadcast the Central Asian Football Association (CAFA) under-20 Championship to be played in Tajikistan on its YouTube channel from May 21 to May 28. The tournament will see teams from Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Iran, Afghanistan and Uzbekistan take part in the competition. The matches will be played at two venues: TALCO Arena, Tursunzade and CSKA Stadium, Dushanbe.

Aditya Mohanty, CEO and Co-founder of SportsCast India said, "We would like to thank CAFA for providing us with this unique opportunity of broadcasting the CAFA U-20 Championship on our YouTube channel. It will allow our viewers, our subscribers, and fans from India to watch some of the most exciting footballing action from the Central Asian region."

Rohit Ramesh, director at SKA Sports said, "I would like to congratulate and thank the leadership at the Central Asian Football Association, who have been very professional and forward-thinking in all our discussions which was led from our side by Sudhir Menon Director at Ska Sports, the Central Asian region is a hotbed for footballing talents and we can look forward to some exciting football matches."

Sudhir Menon, Director at SKA Sports added, "We are very delighted for this partnership with a Regional Association as distinguished as CAFA, I would like to thank Mr. Polat Allagulyyev, Head of Media and Marketing at CAFA for spearheading the discussions and for bringing the collaborations to fruition. After the recently concluded South East Asian Games in Cambodia, the CAFA U20 Cup will now be a major competition for SportsCast to showcase to Indian audiences."

ROLE MODEL

Jaiswal has learnt from Kohli the art of converting starts: Sehwag

Young India batter Yashasvi Jaiswal, third in the Orange Cap leaderboard, has come in for praise from former India cricketer Virender Sehwag. "Jaiswal is a future star. He's learnt the art of converting 50s into 100s from Virat Kohli. He's got the temperament to play big knocks," said Sehwag.

SELF-ASSURED

I take pride in playing according to the situation, says Kohli

Virat Kohli believes he doesn't give himself enough credit for scoring as many as six IPL hundreds as he's not bothered about critics of his middling strike-rate. "I don't care what anyone says on the outside... when you are in that situation yourself, you know how to win games. I take pride in playing according to the situation," said Kohli.

COMEBACK

Karthik backs du Plessis to play in the 2023 50-over World Cup

Dinesh Karthik has backed Faf du Plessis to make an international comeback and believes South Africa will miss a trick if it doesn't pick the veteran for the 50-over World Cup in India later this year. "I'm not at all surprised by Faf's form... I wish Faf says yes when South Africa asks him because he will make an impact at the World Cup," he said.

UPCOMING STAR

Mohsin is one for the future, believes Morne Morkel

Former South Africa pacer Morne Morkel feels Mohsin Khan is a gem of a bowler. "I'm very impressed with Mohsin. Being a year out of the game and coming back to bowl an over like that has been inspirational... it's exciting not just for our franchise but for Indian cricket. They have got somebody they need to look after," he said

Jaiswal, Padikkal and Hetmyer do the job for Royals

The Rajasthan side keeps its playoffs hopes alive; Curran, Jitesh and Shahrukh power Kings to 187, adding 137 runs in 13.3 overs after the hosts were wobbling at 50 for four, but their efforts go in vain

IPL-16

Dhruva Prasad
DHARAMSALA

The win took Royals to the fifth spot with 14 points and knocked Kings out of contention

Yashasvi Jaiswal (50, 36b, 8x4) and Devdutt Padikkal's (51, 30b, 5x4, 3x6) fifties were complemented by Shimron Hetmyer's blitz as Rajasthan Royals ensured it had its neck just above the water in the race for the IPL playoffs with a four-wicket win over Punjab Kings at the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium here on Friday.

As PBKS failed to reach the playoffs for the ninth consecutive season, life came full circle for Impact Player Dhruv Jurel, who had announced himself with a brilliant knock in a losing cause against the same opposition earlier in the tournament.

Fatal blow

With six needed off three balls and the sea of red in Dharamsala geeing up Rahul Chahar, Jurel dealt PBKS the fatal blow and silenced the crowd with a six down the ground.

Hetmyer had done his bit in getting under the skin of the home side with a match-winning knock and some theatrics. With the asking rate nearing 10 with four overs remaining, Hetmyer was dropped on 36 off Sam Curran and then survived a caught behind decision in the same over after it was overturned on appeal.

A frustrated Curran exchanged words with Hetmyer, who kept his calm before being dismissed by the Englishman with nine runs needed.

Dubious record

The platform was laid by Jaiswal and Padikkal's 73-run stand after Buttler set the record for the most ducks (5) in a single season of the IPL. Jaiswal started off in typical fashion, using the bounce of the pitch for three consecutive fours in the first over off Curran.

Padikkal, however, was the aggressor in the partnership between the southpaws and reached his fifty off 29 balls.

RR wouldn't have had to scramble over the line had it not been for Shahrukh Khan (41 n.o., 23b, 4x4, 2x6) and Sam Curran's (49, 31b, 4x4, 2x6) turbocharged cameos.

Rising to the occasion: Padikkal put Royals' chase on course with a sparkling half-century. R.V. MOORTHY

In a 28-run penultimate over, Shahrukh exhibited his long levers with a four and a six through mid-wicket off Yuzvendra Chahal before Curran hammered 14 runs off three balls. Shahrukh then, with some luck, walloped Trent Boult for 18 runs off the final over as PBKS got 46 runs off the last 12 balls – which eventually wasn't enough as RR had dominated the PowerPlay and middle-overs, largely through brilliant spells from Trent Boult, Navdeep Saini and Adam Zampa.

SCOREBOARD

PUNJAB KINGS
Prabhsimran Singh c & b Boult 2 *(2b)*, Shikhar Dhawan lbw b Zampa 17 *(12b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Atharva Taide c Padikkal b Saini 19 *(12b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Liam Livingstone b Saini 9 *(13b, 1x4)*, Sam Curran (not out) 49 *(31b, 4x4, 2x6)*, Jitesh Sharma c sub (Ferreira) b Saini 44 *(28b, 3x4, 3x6)*, Shahrukh Khan (not out) 41 *(23b, 4x4, 2x6)*; Extras (w-5, nb-1): 6; Total (for five wkts. in 20 overs): 187.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-2 (Prabhsimran, 0.2 overs), 2-38 (Taide, 3.4), 3-46 (Dhawan, 5.3), 4-50 (Livingstone, 6.3), 5-114 (Jitesh, 13.5).

ROYALS BOWLING
Boult 4-0-35-1, Sandeep 4-0-46-0, Saini 4-0-40-3, Zampa 4-0-26-1, Chahal 4-0-40-0.

RAJASTHAN ROYALS
Yashasvi Jaiswal c sub (Rishi) b Ellis 50 *(36b, 8x4)*, Jos Buttler lbw b Rabada 0 *(4b)*, Devdutt Padikkal c Brar b Arshdeep 51 *(30b, 5x4, 3x6)*, Sanju Samson c sub (Rishi) b Rahul Chahar 2 *(3b)*, Shimron Hetmyer c Dhawan b Curran 46 *(28b, 4x4, 3x6)*, Riyan Parag c Taide b Rabada 20 *(12b, 1x4, 2x6)*, Dhruv Jurel **(Impact Player in place of Chahal)** (not out) 10 *(4b, 1x6)*, Trent Boult (not out) 1 *(2b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-7, nb-1): 9; Total (for six wkts. in 19.4 overs): 189.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-12 (Buttler, 1.4), 2-85 (Padikkal, 9.5), 3-90 (Samson, 10.5), 4-137 (Jaiswal, 14.3), 5-169 (Parag, 17.6), 6-179 (Hetmyer, 18.5).

PUNJAB KINGS BOWLING
Curran 4-0-46-1, Rabada 4-0-40-2, Arshdeep 4-0-40-1, Ellis **(Impact Player in place of Prabhsimran)** 4-0-34-1, Rahul Chahar 3.4-0-28-1.

Toss: Royals. **PoM:** Padikkal.
Royals won by four wickets with two balls to spare.

Points Table

	M	W	L	NR	PTS	NRR
Gujarat Titans (Q)	13	9	4	0	18	0.835
Chennai Super Kings	13	7	5	1	15	0.381
Lucknow Super Giants	13	7	5	1	15	0.304
Royal Challengers	13	7	6	0	14	0.180
Rajasthan Royals	14	7	7	0	14	0.148
Mumbai Indians	13	7	6	0	14	-0.128
Kolkata Knight Riders	13	6	7	0	12	-0.256
Punjab Kings (E)	14	6	8	0	12	-0.304
Delhi Capitals (E)	13	5	8	0	10	-0.572
Sunrisers Hyderabad (E)	13	4	9	0	8	-0.558

After the PBKS-RR match on May 19 — Q: Qualified; E: Eliminated

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Dhoni's Super Kings have their job cut out against Warner's Capitals

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

On Saturday, a sea of yellow will sweep the roads leading to the Ferozeshah Kotla ground and fill the stands during Chennai Super Kings' last league encounter against host Delhi Capitals.

Seen as M.S. Dhoni's final IPL appearance in the Capital, the match has attracted more attention than the previous six league matches hosted here this season.

Clearly, the former India skipper is among those few who enjoy a pan-India following.

With Delhi Capitals already out of reckoning for a place in the playoffs, a sizeable number of home supporters could turn out in yellow to support the legend.

Stay focused

Though there could be nothing better for Dhoni to sign off with a win that would ensure CSK a place in the playoffs, he knows it is important for the team to stay focused on the job against an unpredictable Capitals.

Dhoni's men are well aware that despite struggling this season, Capitals have scored over Gujarat Titans and Royal Challengers Bangalore.

Eyeing a big one: Jadeja will be eager to make an impact with the bat. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

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TODAY'S MATCHES

Delhi Capitals vs Chennai Super Kings
Delhi, 3.30 p.m.
HEAD-TO-HEAD
Played: **28**
DC **10** | CSK **18**
PREVIOUS MEETING
CSK won by 27 runs, 2023

Kolkata Knight Riders vs Lucknow Super Giants
Kolkata, 7.30 p.m.
HEAD-TO-HEAD
Played: **2**
KKR **0** | LSG **2**
PREVIOUS MEETING
LSG won by two runs, 2022

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For CSK, the consistency of the top-order batters and the wicket-taking abilities of the lesser-known bowlers have come in handy. In contrast, more often than not, Capitals suffered owing to the inconsistency of its top-heavy batting line-up. Even after losing the first five matches, if Capitals manage to finish ahead of Sunrisers Hyderabad, they should applaud the bowlers.

Prithvi Shaw, the biggest let down for Capitals, did return against Punjab Kings in the previous match with a half-century. But skipper David Warner would continue to look at other overseas batters to contribute more.

How Capitals bowl to CSK's in-form openers Devon Conway (498 runs), Ruturaj Gaikwad (425) and surprise-packet Ajinkya Rahane could well serve as a pointer to the outcome of this match.

Shivam Dube has looked effective while Ambati Rayudu, Moeen Ali and Ravindra Jadeja have been ordinary and would be keen to fire.

Super Giants face KKR, look to seal playoffs berth

Kolkata's star: Rinku will be keen to contribute again. K.R. DEEPAK

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Lucknow Super Giants has smartly decided to don its sister franchise Mohun Bagan's colours in order to win its share of Eden Gardens' loyalty in the crucial Indian Premier League match against Kolkata Knight Riders here on Saturday.

LSG, on 15 points, needs a win to confirm its place in the playoffs and give itself a chance to finish second.

Other than seeking home comfort in an away match, the Krunal Pandya-led side will bank on the experience of Gautam Gambhir, who captained KKR to two titles, to out-think the host.

Having won its last two matches, including the one against Mumbai Indians following Mohsin Khan's superb last over, the formidable LSG will be keen to maintain its momentum.

Marcus Stoinis, Nicholas Pooran and Kyle Mayers can make a difference with the bat.

Using its potent attack – including spinners Ravi Bishnoi and Krunal, and pacers Mark Wood, Yash Thakur and Avesh Khan – LSG may check the home batters.

KKR, on 12, needs to win its last outing and hope that results of other matches help it get a last-four entry.

Following its victory over Chennai Super Kings, KKR will expect its dependable hands - Nitish Rana, Venkatesh Iyer, Jason Roy and Rinku Singh in batting and spinners Varun Chakravarthy, Sunil Narine and Suyash Sharma in bowling – to deliver.

Two to tango

Partnerships drive an innings forward, providing stability and substance to the team's total. A list of the highest stands for each wicket in IPL 2023:

Wicket	Runs	Batters	Vs
1	172	du Plessis-Kohli (RCB)	SRH
2	147	Gill-Sai Sudharsan (GT)	SRH
3	140	Suryakumar-Wadhera (MI)	RCB
4	119*	Livingstone-Jitesh (PBKS)	MI
5	92	Harpreet Bhatia-Curran (PBKS)	MI
6	103	Rinku-Shardul (KKR)	RCB
7	62	Hetmyer-Jurel (RR)	PBKS
8	68	Klaasen-Bhuvneshwar (SRH)	GT
9	88*	Rashid-Joseph (GT)	MI
10	55*	Dhawan-Mohit Rathee (PBKS)	SRH

*Both batters remained unbeaten
Stats till the SRH-RCB match on May 18
Compiled by KEERTHANA SHANKAR

THE GAME CHANGER QUIZ
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INBRIEF

Tsitsipas races into Italian Open semifinals

Stefanos Tsitsipas powered into the Italian Open semifinals on Thursday with comfortable straight-set win. The 2022 finalist subdued Croat Borna Coric 6-3, 6-4 on a day when the French Open field was blown wide open by the withdrawal of Rafael Nadal. He will take on Daniil Medvedev in the last-four round. Tsitsipas and Medvedev have played 12 times to date with the latter leading 7-4.

China to meet Japan in the semifinals of Sudirman Cup

Defending champion China will face Japan in the semifinals of the Sudirman Cup badminton event after it continued its impressive run with a comprehensive victory over Indonesia in Suzhou, China, on Friday. China, which is a clear favourite to retain the trophy for a record 13th time, ran away with the match 3-0. Japan made the semifinals, with the team scraping past Thailand 3-2.

Indian junior girls beat Bangladesh, win handball title

The Indian junior girls team emerged the champion in the International Handball Federation Challenger Trophy, with a 48-17 win over host Bangladesh, in the final at Dhaka. However, in the girls' youth final, India lost to Bangladesh 43-46, according to A. Jaganmohan Rao, president of Handball Association of India.

Sagar Jaglan claims under-23 freestyle trials

Former World cadet champion and World junior bronze medallist Sagar Jaglan won the under-23 freestyle 79kg trials to get selected for the Asian under-17 and under-23 wrestling championships on Friday.

The selected wrestlers: U-17: Freestyle: Sourabh (65kg), Saurabh Yadav (80kg); **Greco Roman:** Sachin Kumar (65kg), Aman (80kg); **Women:** Neha (57kg), Shiksha (65kg).
U-23: Abhimanyu (70kg), Yash (74kg), Sagar Jaglan (79kg); **Greco Roman:** Vinayak Patil (67kg), Ankit Gulia (72kg), Vikas (77kg); **Women:** Rajni (57kg), Nitika (62kg), Bhateri (65kg).

Lamela heads Sevilla into Europa League final

Sevilla beat Juventus 2-1 on Thursday, qualifying 3-2 on aggregate after extra-time for the Europa League final.

The results: Europa League (semifinals, second leg): Bayer Leverkusen 0 drew with Roma 0 (*Roma wins 1-0 on aggregate*); Sevilla 2 (Suso 71, Lamela 95) bt Juventus 1 (Vlahovic 65) (*after extra-time, Sevilla wins 3-2 on aggregate*).
Europa Conference League (semifinals, second leg): AZ Alkmaar 0 lost to West Ham 1 (Fornals 90) (*West Ham won 3-1 on aggregate*); FC Basel 1 (Amdouni 55) lost to Fiorentina 3 (Gonzalez 35, 72, Barak 120) (*after extra time, Fiorentina won 4-3 on aggregate*).
Premier League: Newcastle 4 (Undav 22-og, Burn 45+4, Wilson 89, Guimaraes 90+1) bt Brighton 1 (Undav 51).

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: MTV, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema, 6 a.m.

Badminton: Sudirman Cup, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema, 7.30 a.m. & 2.30 p.m.

IPL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema, 3.30 & 7.30 p.m.

Premier League: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 5, 7.30 & 10 p.m.

LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema, 5.30, 7.45, 10 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Sunday)

Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema, 6.30, 9.30 p.m. & 12.15 a.m.(Sunday)

Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 & 10 p.m.

Virat Kohli's timing is so incredible, says Harshal

Playing cricketing shots and not doing anything fancy, the way he takes on the bowlers, the kind of shots he plays and the sixes he hits... it is not even power-hitting, according to the RCB bowler

IPL-16

V.V. Subrahmanyam
HYDERABAD

Royal Challengers Bangalore bowler Harshal Patel said, "We were pretty confident at the half-way mark (in chasing down the target of 187) given the kind of batting power we have till No. 7 even though the pitch was on the slower side," after his team scored an emphatic, eight-wicket win over Sunrisers Hyderabad here on Thursday night.

"Even after Klaasen's brilliant knock, we feel that we held them back pretty well in the death overs. It was a par score on this pitch," he said.

Reflecting on his own bowling, Harshal said he has been doing it (in death overs) for almost three years now.

"Kind of getting used to it. It is important to be clear at the top of the mark, not to worry about what the batters are trying to do but (think about) what delivery I am going to bowl.

"If you are in that mode, focusing on the things needed (to be done), the pressure part becomes inconsequential," he explained.

"Playing cricketing shots and not doing anything fancy, the way he (Virat) takes on the bowlers, the kind of shots he plays, the kind of sixes he hits, not power-hitting but timing part is so incredible," Harshal said.

Sunrisers Hyderabad head coach Brian Lara said they came up against Virat (Kohli) at his best who had done a tremendous job for RCB through the season.

"Well, two class players (the other being captain Faf du Plessis) at the crease and still to lose the match in the 20th over was a great effort," he said.

Regal show: A vintage Kohli aced the chase adroitly against Sunrisers. NAGARA GOPAL

It's Queenstown vs. Moon's Blessing

BENGALURU: Queenstown and Moon's Blessing may fight out the finish of the Racing Patrons Trophy (1,200m), the feature event of the opening day races to be held here on Saturday (May 20). False rails (width about 4m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 MAY DAY PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 2-30 p.m.: 1. Lex Luthor (6) Indrajeet S 60.5, 2. True Faith (9) A. Imran 59.5, 3. August (8) Trevor 59, 4. Roman Spirit (2) N.S. Parmar 59, 5. Cat Whiskers (7) Akshay K 58, 6. Breeze Bluster (3) S. Saqlain 55.5, 7. The Golden Dream (1) Khurshad 54, 8. Ozark (10) S. Saba 53.5, 9. Divine Masculine (4) Rajesh K 51 and 10. Sling Shot (5) Vinod Shinde 50.
1. TRUE FAITH, 2. AUGUST, 3. CAT WHISKERS

2 QUASAR PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 3-00: 1. Southern Force (3) Trevor 62.5, 2. Aherne (7) Yash 61.5, 3. Sea Blush (5) Deepak S 59, 4. Eco Friendly (10) P. Siddaraju 58.5, 5. My Vision (8) Chethan K 58.5, 6. Rhapsody In Green (1) J.H. Arul 58, 7. Memorable Time (4) S. Saqlain 55.5, 8. Mighty Zo (6) R. Girish 55, 9. Antilope (2) N.S. Parmar 53, 10. Sunway Lagoon (9) Tousif 52.5 and 11. Venus (11) Likith Appu 51.5.
1. SOUTHERN FORCE, 2. MEMORABLE TIME, 3. ANTILOPE

3 AKHAL-TEKE PLATE (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 3-30: 1. Michigan Melody (9) Sonu K 62.5, 2. Siege Courageous (3) Trevor 62.5, 3. Anakin (5) Shreyas S 60, 4. Mystic Eye (7) Akshay K 56.5, 5. Skyfire (12) S. Saba 56.5, 6. Extraordinary (6) P. Siddaraju 56, 7. Montelena (11) Likith Appu 55, 8. Archway (10) K. Nazil 54, 9. Cash Out (2) Arvind K 54, 10. Tough Cookie (1) R. Pradeep 53, 11. Fighton (4) N.S. Parmar 52 and 12. Embankment (8) Hasib 50.
1. SIEGE COURAGEOUS, 2. FIGHTON, 3. MONTELENA

4 WELCOME TROPHY (DIV. I), (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4-00: 1. Fearless Joey (3) Kiran Naidu 56, 2. Treasure Chest (7) N.S. Parmar 56, 3. Verrocchio (9) Trevor 56, 4. Vinamrao (5) K. Nazil 56, 5. Walvis Bay (4) G. Vivek 56, 6. Exeter (1) Ajeet K 54.5, 7. Precious (2) Abhay S 54.5, 8. Striking Eyes (8) S. Saqlain 54.5 and 9. Tehani (6) Akshay K 54.5.
1. VERROCCHIO, 2. PRECIOUS, 3. TEHANI

5 RACING PATRONS TROPHY (1,200m), rated 70 & above, 4-30: 1. Jeweller (8) S. Saba 65, 2. Sea Lion (6) A. Imran 61, 3. Star Glory (5) Yash 59.5, 4. Fast Rain (7) N.S. Parmar 57.5, 5. Moon's Blessing (4) Trevor 56.5, 6. Queenstown (2) Likith Appu 56.5, 7. Kay Star (3) K. Nazil 50 and 8. Promise Kept (1) S. Saqlain 50.
1. QUEENSTOWN, 2. MOON'S BLESSING, 3. STAR GLORY

6 WELCOME TROPHY (DIV. II), (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 5-00: 1. Australia (6) Abhay S 56, 2. Clifford (1) Zervan 56, 3. Northern Quest (8) Rayan 56, 4. Vivaldo (7) Akshay K 56, 5. Desertdragon (3) Hindu S 54.5, 6. Good Tip (4) Kiran Naidu 54.5, 7. Greenwich (2) S. Saqlain 54.5 and 8. Serai (5) Vishal Bunde 54.5.
1. VIVALDO, 2. CLIFFORD, 3. GREENWICH

7 KUNIGAL STUD PLATE (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over, 5-30: 1. Artemis Ignacia (4) Zervan 61, 2. Serdar (8) Akshay K 60, 3. Shabelle (1) Trevor 60, 4. Humanitarian (3) Yash 57.5, 5. English Bay (7) Ashok K 57, 6. Win My Luv (6) Indrajeet S 57, 7. Peluche (5) A. Ramu 55.5, 8. Golden Time (10) Shreyas S 54, 9. The Republic Power (9) Khurshad Alam 54 and 10. Always Happy (2) G. Vivek 52.5.
1. SHABELLE, 2. ARTEMIS IGNACIA, 3. SERDAR
Day's best: **VERROCCHIO**
Double: **SIEGE COURAGEOUS – SHABELLE**
Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

It'll be India's top-order against Australia's pacers: Ponting

WTC FINAL

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

"To be honest, I don't think there's an advantage either way. But the conditions at The Oval are likely to be more similar to what we have in Australia than in India. That's why I hope Australia can go on to win."

This is what former Australia captain Ricky Ponting had to say about the upcoming World Test Championship final against India scheduled from June 7 to 11.

He added that the decision to use the Kookaburra ball (instead of Duke) could also tilt the scales in Australia's favour.

"I think it'll be India's top-order against Australia's fast bowlers. It's a bit of a mouth-watering thought going forward. Generally, we think about the battles between India's spinners and Australia's batters. Normally the wickets that I've played on The Oval started as really good for batting, and offered a little bit to the spinners as the game goes on.

"That's what I'd like to see on this wicket – to have a really good contest on day four, day five, or maybe even day six (the reserve day)," said Ponting, who will be part of the commentators' team for the final.

Ponting chose Usman Khawaja to play a decisive role for Australia. "I think Khawaja holds the key to give Australia a good start."

He categorically mentioned that the absence of the injured Rishabh Pant, Jasprit Bumrah, Shreyas Iyer and K.L. Rahul could hurt India.

Reflecting on what he thought about 13 Indians and just three Australian Test players figuring in the IPL ahead of the WTC final and how it could affect the teams, Ponting said, "The Indian players won't be thinking only about the IPL. They'll be doing workload management to make sure they're ready for a Test in a couple of weeks' time."

Time for a big knock: India skipper Rohit would be keen to click in the WTC final. FILE PHOTO: VIJAY SONEJI

DeChambeau seizes lead at the PGA Championship

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ROCHESTER

Bryson DeChambeau delivered a credibility boost to LIV Golf, firing a four-under par 66 to seize a one-stroke lead in Thursday's opening round of the PGA Championship.

The slimmed-down 2020 US Open champion, coming off 2022 left wrist surgery, struck a competitor with an errant shot but managed six birdies against two bogeys to stand atop the field at formidable Oak Hill.

"I hit my putts really well and drove it nicely," DeChambeau said. "I faced some tough challenges and was able to execute the way I wanted to and, man, it feels really good."

World No. 2 Scottie Scheffler and Canada's Corey Conners shared second on 67 with New Zealand's Ryan Fox, 2011 PGA Championship winner Keegan Bradley and Norway's Viktor Hovland on 68.

McIlroy, Rahm struggle

Four-time Major winner Rory McIlroy, seeking his first Major triumph since 2014, landed in only two of 14 fairways in struggling to a 71.

Defending champion Justin Thomas opened on 72 while a group that included the other three reigning Major champions struggled as well.

British Open champion Cameron Smith of Australia was with fellow LIV Golf star Brooks Koepka on 72 also.

World No. 1 Jon Rahm, the reigning Masters champion, started with a birdie at the 10th hole and added another at the eighth but in between had six bogeys and a double bogey to finish on 76.

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Karnataka under-19 shuttlers win doubles crowns

Karnataka players clinched the boys' and girls' under-19 doubles titles at the Yonex Sunrise All India junior ranking badminton tournament.

The duo of Nicholas Nathan Raj and Tushar Suveer beat Divyam Arora and Mayank Rana 12-21, 21-17, 21-18.

In the girls' section, the pair of S. Karnika Sree and Taneesh Singh overcame Gayatri Rani Jaiswal and Saina Sikkandar 21-18, 19-21, 21-10.

Kickstart FC in final

Kickstart FC entered the final of the Indian Women's League football with a 2-0 win over Sethu FC in Ahmedabad on Friday.

The result: Kickstart FC 2 (Kioko Elizabeth Katungwa 11, Saru Limbu 45+5) bt Sethu FC 0.

Gaekwad's autobiography *Guts amidst bloodbath* released

GENERAL

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

Six India captains, almost a dozen Test cricketers and many more domestic stalwarts descended on the Brabourne Stadium's C.K. Nayudu Hall on Friday evening for the release of Aunshuman Gaekwad's autobiography.

Multiple hats

Having risen through the ranks from being an India captain's son who was told by his father Dattajirao "to stop playing cricket" to have emerged as the gutsiest India cricketer in the 1970s to serving as the national selector, India coach and an administrator at the State and National level, Gaekwad has sported multiple hats over the last five decades.

His autobiography – aptly titled *Guts amidst bloodbath*, and co-authored by Aditya Bhushan – was released by his famous opening partner Sunil Gavaskar in the presence of Kapil Dev, Dilip Vengsarkar, G.R. Vishwanath, Ravi Shastri, Roger Binny, Zaheer Khan, Karsan Ghavri, Abey Kuruvilla, Nayan Mongia and Sachin Tendulkar.

"He has given Indian cricket everything as a player, as a coach, as an administrator, a selector... you name it and he has done everything.

That he is liked by players from his time and also from after his time as a cricketer is a tribute to how well-liked Aunshu is," Gavaskar said.

"He was my opening partner, we had some interesting times. Between the two of us, we never got each other run-out. I don't think that ever happened. That's why we are on talking terms and can pull each other's legs."

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> GAVASKAR

Gaekwad's gutsiest knocks came during India's 1976 tour of West Indies when he withstood the barrage from the Caribbean pace battery.

"In Jamaica, just the third ball I faced off Michael (Holding), it just rose and hit the sight screen behind the wicketkeeper and came back. Immediately there was drinks interval, I asked Aunshu "what exactly happened with that ball?" He said, "Sir, I have been playing since yesterday, I don't know what is happening," recalled Vishwanath.

Bravest innings

"Still after that, he kept playing, took blows all over his body and never flinched. That's why it was the bravest innings. Even when he was hit on the ear and had to retire hurt, he never shied away and was behind the ball."

One for the album: Legendary cricketers graced the occasion at the launch of Gaekwad's autobiography. EMMANUAL YOGINI

I have a lot of spirit to defend the title, says Kipkorir

Defending TCS World 10K Bengaluru men's champion muses that his group of Kenyan friends will assist each other to try and break the course record at the race to be run tomorrow

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Getting ready: International athletes Kipkorir, Sawe, Gemechu, Kissa, Chepnngeno and Chelangat warm-up at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium. K. MURALI KUMAR

Defending men's champion Nicholas Kipkorir called on his "friends" – presumably fellow Kenyans – to assist each other in the TCS World 10K Bengaluru which will be held here on Sunday.

Kipkorir, who set the men's course record at 27:38s last year, took a philosophical view on how he will approach the race. "If I am beaten, I will accept it. But I have a lot of spirit to defend the title. I tell the others (Kenyans) – 'Let's be friends. Let's generate friendship so we can maintain unity in the sport'," Kipkorir stated in a media interaction here on Friday.

Kipkorir added that his group of friends will assist each other to try and break the course record.

Sawe also focused

Ethiopian Sabastian Sawe, who clocked the world's fifth fastest 10K time in Germany last month, also has his sights set on taking down the course record.

In Germany, Sawe outclassed Kipkorir to win with a timing of 26.49s.

The TCS World 10K Bengaluru will serve as a rematch for these two fierce competitors.

Stephen Kissa has often served as a pacemaker, but this time around, the Uganda national marathon champion is clear that he "will go for the medal".

Tsehay confident

Ethiopia's Tsehay Gemechu, runner-up at this year's Tokyo Marathon, is among the favourite for the women's title.

This is Tsehay's second appearance in the TCS World 10K Bengaluru, having finished sixth in her earlier visit in 2019. Tsehay is confident that she can do better.

"I'm definitely a better runner now. I've done a lot a speedwork, and I'm feeling confident," she said.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Arjun's five-for highlights Panthers CA's facile win

Arjun starred for Panthers CA with a five-wicket haul (5/13) as his team thrashed Carmel by nine wickets in the Tiger Cup under-16 cricket tournament.

The scores:

CCE 117/9 in 30 overs (Advik R. Shastri 27) bt Max Muller 121/2 in 18.4 overs (Benjamin 48, Vratin 42, Arya J. Gowda 25).

Carmel 139 in 29 overs (J. Daniel 31, M. Pranav 29, Arjun 5/13, Aryansh Singh 4/29) lost to Panthers CA 140/1 in 22.3 overs (Adrith Rao 61, Arjun 59).

Reds United runs riot

Reds United walloped ITC FC 9-1 in the BDFA C-division football league here on Friday.

The results: Reds United FC 9 (Sanjay 5, Sudhanshu 9, 22, 25, Yousef 24, Prithvi 40, 47, Om Grnale 42, Sanjay Jr. 56) bt ITC FC 1 (Vinod Kumar 56).

515 ABWS FC 4 (Sanjay 23, 30, 49, Rajan 60+1) bt Minerva FC 2 (Manu 8, Chidambaram 30+1).

Juno FC 4 (Md. Samil 13, M. Mahesh 16, 53, 57) bt Indiranagara FC 0.

Sporting Youths FC 2 (Gagan Gowda 17, P. Harish 27) bt Bangalore Reds FC 1 (Neeraj Rajive Pothala (OG) 15).

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India eyes a mixed doubles medal at the Worlds

Sathiyan and Manika, who have been seeded fourth, will clash with Lian Ni and Luka Mladenoivic of Luxembourg in the first round as the championships get underway in Durban today

TABLE TENNIS

Sports Bureau

India enters the World individual table tennis championships, beginning in Durban on Saturday, hoping to bag a medal in mixed doubles with G. Sathiyan and Manika Batra, seeded fourth in the event. The championships conclude on May 28.

In fact, mixed doubles is the only discipline where India is seeded.

Best bet: Sathiyan and Manika carry India's hopes. FILE PHOTO

Quite tough

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Sathiyan had said: "We are looking for a medal – both the semifinalists will win a bronze each – though I know it is very difficult."

Sathiyan and Manika will clash with Xia Lian Ni and Luka Mladenoivic of Luxembourg in the first round.

India's top male paddler Sathiyan will meet Tom Jarvis of England, while veteran Sharath Kamal takes on David Serdaroglu of Austria.

The country's star woman player, Manika will be challenged by Lynda Loghraibi of Algeria.

India coach Subhajit Saha said India has a good chance of winning a medal in mixed doubles.

"After 10 days of training in Bengaluru, players are in very good shape. Sathiyan and Manika have a good chance to win the first medal in worlds in mixed doubles with a bit of luck and if the draw favours us.

Marquinhos extends PSG contract till 2028

Agence France-Presse
SAINT-GERMAIN-EN-LAYE

Paris Saint-Germain captain and Brazil defender Marquinhos has extended his contract until 2028, the club announced on Friday.

"The 29-year-old Brazilian defender and the Red and Blue will continue their adventure together until June 30, 2028," said the Qatari-owned PSG in a statement. Marquinhos joined the club from Roma in 2013 when he was just 19. He has become an indispensable part of the PSG set-up and was a member of the side that reached the 2020 Champions League final. "I am very happy to announce this contract extension but also very proud," said Marquinhos. "This is a very special moment for me."

Bayern faces resurgent Leipzig with Dortmund nipping at its heels

BUNDESLIGA

Agence France-Presse
BERLIN

With two rounds of the Bundesliga season remaining, Bayern Munich faces the biggest threat to its title hopes, at home against a resurgent RB Leipzig on Saturday.

One point ahead of Borussia Dortmund atop the Bundesliga table, Bayern knows winning its next two games will ensure a record-extending 11th straight Bundesliga title.

While perennial bridesmaid Dortmund – which is likely to be without key midfielder Jude Bellingham – faces a tricky trip to Augsburg, Bayern faces a team which has won seven of its past eight.

Close finish: Bayern's stars will have to put their best foot forward as they fight for supremacy. AP

Promoted for the first time before the 2016-17 season, Leipzig has since emerged as a realistic challenger for Dortmund's status as the best German team after Bayern.

Champions League semifinalists in 2019-20, Leipzig is the current German Cup holder. The Saxons have qualified for this year's final, its fourth trip to Berlin's showpiece event in the past five years.

Leipzig sits third and can guarantee Champions League football next season with a win in Munich.

A title race going to the final weeks is rare in the Bundesliga and it could be decided this weekend, if Bayern wins and Dortmund drop points on Sunday.

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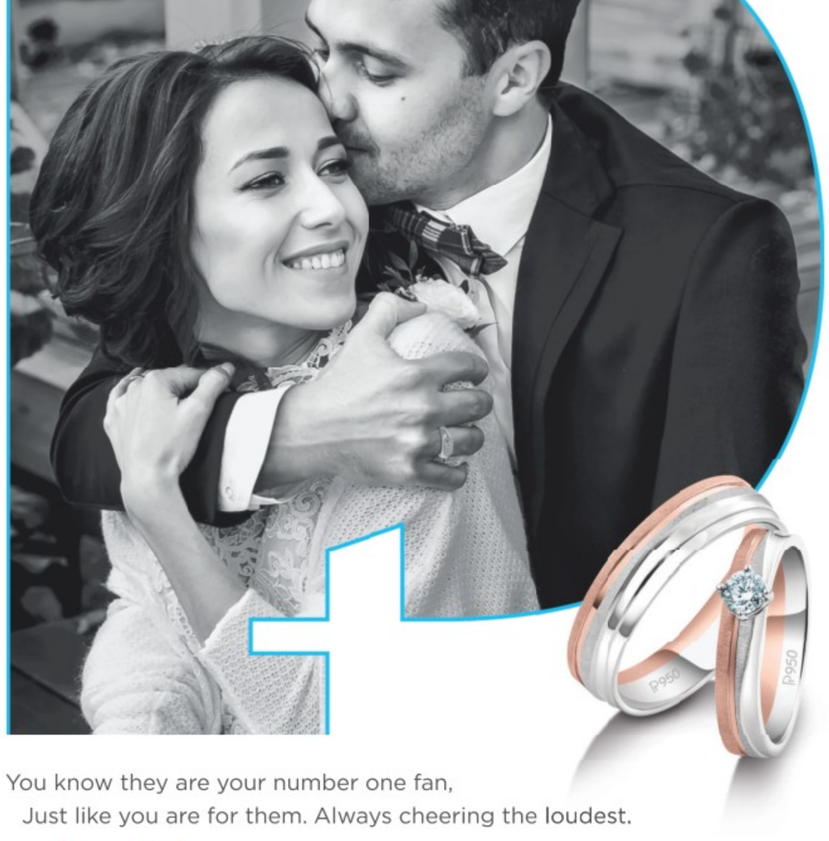

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